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Melbourne Victory scrape home against Kawasaki Frontale



By Roy Hay

In front of the lowest home crowd for years, 6,011, Melbourne Victory gained its first win in this season's Asian Champions League by a penalty goal to nil against Kawasaki Frontale on Wednesday night.

Coming off a four-nil hammering in Japan last week, Victory started with Robbie Kruse and Carlos Hernandez in attack, and Matthew Foschini at right wing back.

Victory had a good share of the possession in the first half, and did not look like conceding an early goal, though Kawasaki were always dangerous on the break.

Kurotsu Masaru got between Matthew Foschini and Kevin Muscat in the 11th minute but his shot was always rising and it cleared the bar.

In 21 minutes there was a curious incident when big defender Igawa Yusuke jumped all over Robbie Kruse, and when the ball broke Marvin Angulo continued past a static backline to put the ball in the net.

But the referee penalised Kruse, presumably for backing in to his opponent, so it was no goal.

A couple of minutes later Angulo sent a grounder just wide of the post, but then Mitchell Langerack had to pull off two brilliant diving saves to deny Renatinho and Kurotsu in quick succession.

An even better save prevented Kurotsu once again but at the other end Victory raised the siege when Nick Ward's quick throw put Kruse clear only for the striker to fire across goal from a narrow angle. Angulo then set up Hernandez but the usually accurate midfielder pulled his low drive wide.

The second half began with Muscat landing an elbow on Noborizato Kychei but he escaped without penalty.

The creative side of the skipper's game was shown five minutes later with a precise through ball to Nick Ward whose quick shot went straight to the keeper. The game turned on a critical decision in 59 minutes.

Kruse was running in on goal when he was challenged on the edge of the area by Komiyama Takanobu.

It seemed like a shoulder-to-shoulder effort, and might have been outside the box, but the referee gave a penalty kick. This time Muscat was his usual clinical self from the spot.

Kawasaki threw men forward to try to equalise and came closest to getting it when Tasaka Yusuke's shot came back off the cross-bar with Langerack beaten for once.

Victory sent on Evan Berger and Nik Mrdja for Nick Ward and Robbie Kruse, but the flow was with the visitor. Surat Sukha made a superb blocking tackle to prevent a goal in 81 minutes and Langerack was booked for time

wasting, though Victory still threatened on the break.

Igawa Yursuke was booked to tugging back Mrdja, but Hernandez could not penetrate the wall with his free kick and there was time for one last surge by Kawasaki.

Man of the match Langerack saved the jerseys in the last minute with a fingertip flick over the bar from a desperate attempt by Renatinho.

Kawasaki coach Takahata Tsutomu thought the long distance travel had worked against his team, which had the opportunities to have won the game but failed to take them.

Ernie Merrick said that Victory had a series of good chances in the first half and deserved its win.

Neither coach was forthcoming about the penalty incident.

The result leaves both teams with a very slight chance of qualification for the next round.

The Japanese fans had their huge banner and drum, and looked like they might even outnumber the home support before kick-off, but the hard core Victory fans turned up and outshouted them.

But though Merrick thought that some wins would bring back the fans, the fact that less than one third of the membership were present in a stadium which holds over 50,000 and costs plenty to operate, must be a worry to the club.

*Asian Champions League Round 4
Melbourne Victory 1 (Kevin Muscat 60' pen.)
Kawasaki Frontale 0
Etihad Stadium, Melbourne
Saturday, 31 March 2010
Referee: Mozaffarizadehyazdi Saeid
Assistant referees: Karimi Morteza and Abolfazli Mohammadreza
Fourth official: Phung Dinh Dung
Crowd: 6,011*

Melbourne Victory line-up: 1. Mitchell LANGERACK (gk), 2. Kevin MUSCAT (c), 5. Surat SUKHA, 8. Grant BREBNER, 11. Marvin ANGULO (28. Diogo FERRIERA 88'), 12. Rodrigo VARGAS, 16. Carlos HERNANDEZ, 17. Matthew FOSCHINI, 21. Robbie KRUSE (9. Nik MRDJA 73'), 22. Nick WARD (19. Evan BERGER 71'), 23. Adrian LEIJER.

Substitutes Not Used: 20. Glen MOSS (gk), 3. Mate DUGANDZIC, 25. Aziz BEHICH, 29. Petar FRANJIC.

*Yellow Card: 1. Mitchell LANGERACK 85'.
Red Cards: Nil*

Kawasaki Frontale line up: 1. KAWASHIMA Eiji (gk), 2. ITO Hiroki, 4. IGAWA Yusuke, 6. TASAKA Yusuke (22. KIMURA Yuji, 90'), 7. KUROTSU Masuru, 8. KOMIYAMA Takanobu, 19. MORI Yusuke, 20. INAMOTO Junichi, 23. NOBROIZATO Kychei, (11. VITOR JR, 69'), 29. TANIGUCHI Hiroyuki (16. KUSUKAMI Junpei, 62'), 34. RENATINHO, 5. SONODA Jun, 25. YOSHIDA Yuki, 28. SUGIYAMA Rikihiko,

Substitutes Not Used: 5. SONODA Jun, 18. YOKOYAMA Tomonobu, 25. YOSHIDA Yuki, 28. SUGIYAMA Rikihiro.

*Yellow Card: 4. IGAWA Yusuke, 89'.
Red Cards: Nil*

REDS SUFFER SETBACK

Adelaide United FC is still not assured of a place in the Round of 16 after falling to Sanfrece Hiroshima 1-0 at the Hiroshima Big Arch in Match Day 4 of the AFC Champions League 2010 on Tuesday night.

A goal on the stroke of half time from Sanfrece captain and Japanese international Hisato Sato, was enough to condemn the Reds to their first defeat in this year's competition, the loss United's first since January.

In an uninspiring first half from the visiting Reds, goalkeeper Eugene Galekovic kept United in the game until Sato struck, the two time Adelaide United Club Champion sure to have impressed National Coach Pim Verbeek who was an interested observer in the stands, as the announcement for Australia's squad for the upcoming World Cup draws nearer.

But despite Galekovic's early heroics and a much improved second half display from the Reds right across the park, they could not penetrate the Sanfrece goal or put enough pressure on Hiroshima keeper Shusaku Nishikawa.

Despite doubts over captain Travis Dodd, Marcos Flores and Sergio van Dijk leading up to the game, the Reds fielded the same starting eleven for the fourth time in a row.



Kevin Muscat scores from the spot to secure Victory's win over Kawasaki Frontale last week.
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Krncevic goes for Gold

By Craig MacKenzie

Eddie Krnecvic is set for a sensational return to elite club coaching as assistant to Goal Coast United head coach Miron Bleiberg.

The former Soccerroo star whose stellar career as a striker in Europe was highlighted by stints at Croatian giant Dinamo Zagreb, legendary Belgian club Anderlecht, Germany's MSV Duisberg and Mulhouse in France late last week confirmed his candidature for the A-League post.

"Yes, I have spoken to Miron," said the Goal! Weekly columnist.

"Miron and I know each other quite well and more importantly he trusts me,"

Krnecvic added.

Krnecvic is one of a number of candidates for the post that became vacant after Paul Okon was sacked in February. Former Soccerroo captain Okon claimed that he had been told in January by club CEO Clive Mensink that he would be offered a new deal only to be controversially booted out shortly after.

It's expected that Krnecvic will fly to the Gold Coast later this month to meet club owner and billionaire Clive Palmer. "I think I have a lot to offer and fingers crossed that all goes well," said Krnecvic.

"I'm sure that if I'm given the opportunity that I will excel again. I'm proud of what I brought back to Australia after

my professional playing career had ended and the exciting style of football I introduced at Carlton, Marconi and South Melbourne."

Bresciano, Grella, Thomson and Murdoch are just a few of the names that have developed under Krnecvic, who moved away from club coaching some years ago and became a successful player agent.

In recent times he has concentrated on developing the Australian Professional Football Academy and has been helping out Michael Chatzitrifonas who coaches Victorian Premier League club Richmond at which Krnecvic's son, Jesse, plays.

Krnecvic has a multitude of contacts

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throughout professional ranks and is in a prime position to assist Bleiberg should the latter be keen on luring a player from overseas.

However, Gold Coast United's squad seems fairly settled at the moment and a high player turnover is not anticipated.

Eddie Krnecvic looks set to grace the A-league as Miron Bleiberg's assistant at Gold Coast.

PHOTO: PETER PSARROS



Brisbane trio sign for FC Utrecht

Brisbane Roar trio Tommy Oar, Michael Zullo and Adam Sarota have each signed contracts with Dutch Eredivisie outfit FC Utrecht after the two clubs reached agreement on terms during the week.

Having impressed coaching and technical staff during their two-week training stint in The Netherlands, Utrecht were quick to snap up the three young Australian prospects.

Brisbane Roar chief executive Peter McLennan said the club was disappointed to have lost three highly talented youngsters, but acknowledged their desire to further themselves and their careers in Europe.

"You can't help but be disappointed to lose three young players who have the undoubted potential of Tommy, Michael and Adam," McLennan said.

"However, for the Brisbane Roar this is tempered by the knowledge we have provided each of them with the platform to potentially become the next generation of Soccerroos.

"Our aim as a club has always been to identify exciting young talent, provide them with an environment to develop and the opportunity to prove themselves in the Hyundai A-League.

"The unfortunate downside of this is when these players display the talent we've identified it becomes very difficult to hold onto them.

"Football is a global game and as a club we would never stand in the way of a player who expresses a desire to test himself at the very highest level.

"With that in mind, we wish the three boys the very best of luck with FC Utrecht where we will watch their respective careers with a great deal of



Tommy Oar in action on debut for the Soccerroos in the 1-0 win against Indonesia in the Asia Cup tie in Brisbane, recently.

PHOTO: BRETT MCDONALD

pride and interest."

McLennan said the club would continue to seek out fresh, young talent for the coming season and those beyond.

Oar and Zullo have both made their Soccerroos debut in the past 12 months, while Sarota this season stepped up to the Hyundai A-League after being recognised as the National Youth League's

inaugural best player in the 2008/09 season.

Sarota and Zullo have each signed a three-year deal with the Dutch Eredivisie outfit, Oar has agreed to a contract for five seasons.

Financial details of the agreement between Brisbane Roar and FC Utrecht will remain confidential.

Falcons to soar again

FALCONS 2000 Soccer Club in Morwell, are excited to announce the beginning of a new era for their club and the region in general.

The club recently entered into a new partnership with sporting identities Glen Archer and Darren Matthews. The new owners of the Latrobe City Sports Stadium in Morwell have declared they will work to restore the sporting ground to its "former glory" and explore other ways to use the precinct. The private consortium made up of Australian Football League legend Glenn Archer and Darren Matthews, who once owned the Traralgon Indoor Sports Centre in the 1990s, have bought the stadium in Crinigan Road after months of negotiations with the previous owner.

"Firstly, we saw an opportunity to put something back into grassroots sport," Mr Matthews said. "It evolved into more of an understanding of the region but also the passion people had for the venue - we didn't realise how much it meant to people."

Falcon's 2000 Soccer Club president Tony Salvatore said the deal was a huge relief after uncertainty surrounded the club's future at the stadium during negotiations of the terms of their lease last

year. "It allows us to focus on the junior and senior teams ... we can put our energy back in to the teams rather than negotiating a place to stay. This gives us the opportunity to plan for next year too, 2011 is our 50 year anniversary," Mr Salvatore said.

Mr Matthews said he was happy to have the soccer club as anchor tenants. "We are going through the process of all the things that need to be upgraded and trying to bring it back to its former glory and then we hope to have further interest from other sporting clubs or from locals who believe they could utilise it," he said. Settlement is due to take place in February.

The venture will come as a welcome relief to the club and its members who have been living under a cloud of uncertainty since the demise of Eastern Pride and its NSL days.

Falcons will be celebrating a 50 year history in 2011 and plan to recognise the occasion with a reunion dinner and demonstration match at Falcons Park.

For further information on Falcons 2000 Soccer Club visit their website at www.falcons2000.com.au.

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Despite the events of 1999, Falcons have rebuilt the club base and are once again striving to become one of the most competitive clubs in the area. Glenn Archer, Tony Salvatore and Darren Matthews in front of the impressive new stand at Falcons Park.

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Maradona bitten by rough pooch

Diego Maradona suffered an unexpected interruption to his World Cup squad preparations on Tuesday when he was bitten in the face by one of his pet dogs.

Plastic surgeons repaired his upper lip after the Argentina coach was admitted to the Los Arcos clinic in Buenos Aires with bloody wounds caused by a Chinese Shar-Pei breed pet. Maradona needed 10 stitches in his lip and will have to rest for three days, a medical source at the clinic said.

He was driven away after around 15 hours at the clinic by his brother Lalo, returning to his mansion in a plush neighbourhood on the outskirts of the capital and close to the national team's training facility in the district capital suburb of Ezeiza. Maradona, who as a player captained Argentina to their second World Cup title in 1986, was hospitalised in the same clinic in 2007 with toxic hepatitis from drinking.

On another note off-field, how about Brazilian club Vasco da Gama; promising to give away a free jersey to fans who agree to tattoo a team logo onto their bodies next week in a bid to break a world record. Vasco says it wants to smash a world record of 801 tattoos in a 24-hour span, which was set in 2008 in the United States, according to Guinness World Records Web site. Club president Roberto Dinamite wants fans to show their "grandiosity" by getting tattooed with the Templar Cross, one of the team's logos. Vasco is a four-time Brazilian champion, one of the giants in Rio de Janeiro and the 1998 Copa Libertadores winner.

Still on Brazil but heading south, Ronaldo opened the scoring as his Sao Paulo-based side, Brazilian club Corinthians beat Paraguay's Cerro Porteno 2-1 on Thursday to take the outright lead in Copa Libertadores Group 1. The former Real Madrid striker Ronaldo tapped into an empty net in the 37th minute and Chicao put Corinthians 2-0 up with a strike in the 64th. Julio Dos Santos scored a consolation goal for Cerro Porteno in the 80th. The win gave Corinthians 10 points, three ahead of Uruguay's Racing after four matches.

Kleber scored twice as Cruzeiro crowned a good night for Brazilian teams in the Libertadores Cup with a 3-0 win over Argentina's Velez Sarsfield at the Mineirao in Belo Horizonte on Wednesday. Internacional beat Uruguay's Cerro 2-0 to relieve the pressure on coach Jorge Fossati and Sao Paulo drew 0-0 away to Mexican champions Monterrey. Cruzeiro, last year's runners-up, went top of Group Seven with 10 points from five matches, the same as Velez but with the better goal difference. Chilean champions Colo Colo are third with four points from four games.

Man-of-the-match Thiago Ribeiro put two-time South American champions Cruzeiro ahead just past the half hour when he cut inside from the left wing, beat three defenders on a mazy run and swivelled to shoot home from the edge of the box. Thiago then laid on two goals in six minutes at the start of the second half for striker Kleber, who took his tournament-leading tally to six and



It's a dog's life. Maradona is in recovery mode after getting too close to a K9 during the week.

squashed any hopes Velez had of fighting their way back into the match. Kleber netted Thiago's first-time cross from the right in the 48th minute then latched on to the winger's pass down the middle and steered the ball past goalkeeper German Montoya. Velez midfielder Leandro Somoza was sent off in the 82nd minute for a second booking.

Argentina's Estudiantes de La Plata headed by Juan Sebastian Veron, who won the title by beating Cruzeiro in last year's final second leg at the same Mineirao ground, kept on track for the knockout phase with a 2-0 away win over Juan Aurich of Peru on Tuesday to return to the top of Group Three. Man-of-the-match Jose Sosa brilliantly beat three men at close quarters in the box and squared the ball for striker Gaston Fernandez to open the scoring in the 51st minute. Midfielder Rodrigo Brana then superbly beat goalkeeper Diego Morales with a lob from the centre circle in the 67th minute to make the result safe. Juan Aurich had central defender Jesus Alvarez sent off in the 85th minute and striker Luis Tejada dismissed in injury time. Estudiantes took the first half to get used to the synthetic Elias Aguirre pitch in Chiclayo and control the home side's speedy forwards before imposing their

well organised game. The Argentine side have taken 10 points from five matches. They are two ahead of Peru's Alianza, who can reclaim the lead if they beat eliminated Bolivar of Bolivia at home next week. Juan Aurich have six points and Bolivar one.

In Group Four, 10-man Lanus of Argentina snatched a 1-1 draw away to Paraguay's Libertad in a poor match at the Defensores del Chaco stadium in Asuncion. Libertad left back Adalberto Roman surprised Lanus when he stole in behind the defence on the right to head home a free kick to the far post. The Argentine side's Paraguayan striker Santiago Salcedo was sent off in the 40th minute for a second booking. With seven minutes remaining, Lanus left back Maximiliano Velazquez stunned Libertad goalkeeper Bernardo Medina when he lobbed him with a shot from a narrow angle when the home defence were expecting a cross. The group is led by Libertad with nine points from five matches. Peru's Universitario are second with eight points and a match in hand. Lanus have seven points while Bolivia's Blooming have none.

Internacional of Porto Alegre, another of Brazil's southern giants and title winners

in 2006, bucked a string of poor results that had Uruguayan coach Jorge Fossati under fire with a win in Porto Alegre that put them top of Group Five, one point ahead of Cerro after four matches. The Uruguayans, having held Inter 0-0 at home two weeks ago, were unlucky when they fell behind in the 58th minute to an own goal by defender Walter Ibanez.

Goalkeeper Damian Frascarelli had a shot from the left by Inter forward Walter covered but Ibanez stepped ahead of him to clear and sliced the ball into the net. Striker Alessandro rammed home the second from the rebound after Frascarelli could only parry man-of-the-match Giuliano's spectacular scissors kick from the edge of the box 13 minutes later. Fossati had said he would resign if Inter, who had gone six matches without a win in the Gaucho state championship and Libertadores, did not beat Cerro. Three times champions Sao Paulo are top of Group Two, two points ahead of Colombia's Once Caldas, who can take the lead if they beat eliminated and point-less Nacional of Paraguay at home on Thursday. Monterrey are third two points further back.



Juan Sebastian Veron kept Estudiante's Copa aspirations on track.

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Chelsea back in EPL title box seat



Chelsea has taken the ascendency in the Premier League title race with a 2-1 victory

over closest rival Manchester United to leapfrog the Red Devils to the summit of the league table.

The Blues took a deserved lead through Joe Cole on the 20-minute mark when Florent Malouda beat Darren Fletcher down the left wing and crossed to Cole who cleverly flicked the ball with his heel past Edwin Van der Saar.

United worked their way back into the match in the second half and went agonisingly close to an equaliser through a Dimitar Berbatov header.

But just as the home side looked as though they would produce the elusive equaliser, Sir Alex Ferguson's men conceded a controversial goal with 11 minutes remaining.

United were caught on the break as Salomon Kalou slipped a through-ball to substitute Didier Drogba – who was in an offside position – but the flag stayed down and the Ivorian smashed a powerful strike past the helpless Van der Saar. United responded two minutes later when substitutes Nani and Federico Macheda combined, with Macheda awkwardly bundling the ball across the line off his chest following Nani's cross.

A tense finish ensued, but Chelsea hung on for victory as United's hopes of a fourth successive title took a huge dent. With five games remaining, both sides face similar fixture lists with Chelsea tackling Bolton, Tottenham, Stoke, Liverpool and Wigan while United clash with Blackburn, Manchester City, Tottenham, Sunderland and Stoke.

Arsenal meanwhile stayed within three points of their leading London rivals when they scraped a last-gasp 1-0 victory over struggling Wolverhampton Wanderers who were reduced to 10-men.

The Gunners were made to sweat for the result as they dominating play but failed to find the net within the 90 minutes as they squandered a number of opportunities.

But with the fixture seemingly heading for a goalless draw, substitute Nicklas Bendtner headed home his fifth goal of the season, four minutes into stoppage time.

Tottenham Hotspur's surge for a fourth-placed finish stumbled as they slipped up 3-1 against 13th-placed Sunderland. Former Spurs marksman Darren Bent scored twice against his old club – one from the penalty spot - but was denied a hat-trick as he failed from the spot twice more as Heurelho Gomes denied his two spot-kick attempts.

Peter Crouch scored with 18 minutes remaining, but the Black Cat's Bolo Zenden quashed hopes of a Spurs fight-back, netting his side's third with four minutes remaining.

Manchester City seized the initiative and leapfrogged Spurs into fourth position with a 6-1 drubbing of Burnley.

City were 4-0 up after just 20 minutes through Emmanuel Adebayor, Craig Bellamy, Carlos Tevez and Patrick Vieira,



Chelsea's Drogba came off the bench to fire in the crucial second goal as the United defence look for the offside flag.

while Adebayor netted his second to make it 5-0 at the half-time break – a Premier League record.

Vincent Kompany made it six in the second half but Burnley minimised the damage in the second half, and even netted their own consolation goal through Steven Fletcher.

Despite the side's deep relegation trouble – the side sit second last and four points from safety – Burnley's faithful sang loudly throughout and Fletcher's goal received rapturous applause.

Elsewhere, Aston Villa's slim hopes of a Champions League qualification spot remained alive as they bounced back from their embarrassing 7-1 defeat at the hands of Chelsea to record a 1-0 victory over Bolton Wanderers through Ashley Young's strike

Stoke City confirmed Premier League survival, surpassing the golden 40 points with a 2-0 win over third-last Hull City



FRANCE
Seven-time Ligue 1 champions Lyon moved to the top of the French league table on Saturday as title rivals Montpellier and Bordeaux slipped up.

Recording an important 2-1 win away at Rennes, Lyon went top above Montpellier – who were held to a 0-0 draw by Monaco - on goal difference.

However, defending champions Bordeaux – who lost 2-1 at home to Nancy – have two games in hand over the top two-placed sides and are just one point behind.

Les Gones coach Claude Puel rested several key players that started in their 3-1 Champions League win over Bordeaux mid-week and Asamoah Gyan gave Rennes the lead in the first half.

But goals from Michel Bastos and Lisandro Lopez in the second half reversed the score line and gave Puel's side a much-needed victory to send them top of the table.

Bordeaux's form has stuttered at the wrong time of the season as they slumped to their third straight loss against Nancy on the back of their loss to Marseille in the Coupe de La Ligue final last weekend and defeat in Europe by Lyon mid-week.

Fifth-placed Lille, who trail Lyon only by three points were defeated 1-0 at Valenciennes.

This season's title race is one of the closest in Europe as only four points separate the top six teams.



SPAIN
Barcelona continued its title tilt in Spain despite fielding a team featuring a number of fringe players as they ran out 4-1 winners over Athletic Bilbao,

The Catalan giants lost striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic through a calf injury before kick-off but teenager Jeffren Suarez opened the scoring, before youngster Bojan Krkic scored a brace either side of half-time.

Lionel Messi added the icing on the victory with a goal mid-way through the second half, but Bilbao grabbed a late consolation through Markel Susaeta.

Elsewhere, Real Zaragoza moved a step closer to Primera Liga survival with a vital 2-0 win over Malaga, while Sevilla cruised past Tenerife 3-0.



ITALY
Inter Milan are still in pole position to collect a fifth successive

Serie A title, but they remain under pressure from AS Roma and cross-town rivals AC Milan as all three top sides picked up maximum points.

Jose Mourinho's side smashed three goals past relegation-threatened Bologna to bounce back from last weekend's 2-1 loss at the hands of title rival Roma.

Showing no sign of fatigue from their Champions League quarter-final first-leg victory over CSKA Moscow midweek, Thiago Motta netted a brace to keep themselves one point clear of second-placed Roma.

Roma recorded a 1-0 victory over Bari, while AC Milan remain two points behind Inter with a close 3-2 victory away at Cagliari.

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	P	GD	PTS
1 Bayern Munich	29	30	59
2 Schalke 04	29	23	58
3 Bayer Leverkusen	29	25	53
4 Borussia Dortmund	29	14	52
5 Werder Bremen	29	22	48
6 Hamburg	28	15	44
7 VfB Stuttgart	29	6	44
8 Eintracht Frankfurt	29	-2	44
9 Wolfsburg	28	1	40
10 Mainz	29	-8	38
11 TSG Hoffenheim	28	3	34
12 Borussia M'gladbach	29	-12	34
13 Cologne	29	-13	31
14 Nuremberg	29	-19	28
15 VfL Bochum	29	-21	28
16 SC Freiburg	29	-24	25
17 Hannover 96	28	-24	23
18 Hertha Berlin	29	-18	22

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	P	GD	PTS
1 Chelsea	33	54	74
2 Man Utd	33	50	72
3 Arsenal	33	41	71
4 Man City	32	24	59
5 Tottenham	32	26	58
6 Liverpool	32	21	54
7 Aston Villa	32	12	54
8 Everton	32	8	49
9 Birmingham	32	-4	45
10 Stoke	32	-3	42
11 Blackburn	33	-15	42
12 Fulham	31	-3	38
13 Sunderland	33	-7	38
14 Wolves	33	-23	32
15 Bolton	33	-25	32
16 Wigan	32	-33	31
17 West Ham	32	-17	27
18 Hull	32	-35	27
19 Burnley	33	-39	24
20 Portsmouth	33	-32	14

Arsenal 1-0 Wolves Bolton 0-1 Aston Villa
Burnley 1-6 Man City Man Utd 1-2 Chelsea
Portsmouth 0-0 Blackburn
Stoke 2-0 Hull Sunderland 3-1 Tottenham

SPL

	P	GD	PTS
1 Rangers	31	49	73
2 Celtic	31	25	60
3 Dundee Utd	31	11	55
4 Hibernian	31	8	50
5 Motherwell	32	2	48
6 Hearts	32	-8	41
7 St Johnstone	31	-5	38
8 Aberdeen	30	-9	34
9 Hamilton	32	-17	33
10 St Mirren	32	-12	28
11 Kilmarnock	31	-19	26
12 Falkirk	32	-25	25

Motherwell 0-1 Falkirk
Rangers 1-0 Hamilton
St Mirren 1-1 Hearts

SERIE A

	P	GD	PTS
1 Inter Milan	32	33	66
2 Roma	32	22	65
3 AC Milan	32	21	63
4 Palermo	32	6	51
5 Sampdoria	32	2	51
6 Napoli	32	5	49
7 Juventus	32	1	48
8 Fiorentina	32	7	45
9 Genoa	32	0	45
10 Parma	32	-7	43
11 Bari	32	0	43
12 Cagliari	32	0	40
13 Chievo	32	-3	38
14 Catania	32	0	38
15 Udinese	32	-8	35
16 Bologna	32	-13	35
17 Lazio	32	-6	34
18 Atalanta	32	-11	31
19 Siena	32	-23	26
20 Livorno	32	-26	26

Atalanta 2-0 Siena
Cagliari 2-3 AC Milan
Chievo 1-2 Sampdoria
Inter Milan 3-0 Bologna
Parma 1-1 Fiorentina
Bari 0-1 Roma
Catania 2-0 Palermo
Genoa 1-1 Livorno
Lazio 1-1 Napoli
Udinese 3-0 Juventus

LA LIGA

	P	GD	PTS
1 Barcelona	30	56	77
2 Real Madrid	29	55	74
3 Valencia	29	13	53
4 Sevilla	30	8	48
5 Mallorca	29	12	47
6 Athletic Bilbao	30	0	45
7 Deportivo	29	-3	42
8 Villarreal	29	2	40
9 Getafe	29	2	40
10 Atletico Madrid	29	-1	37
11 Almeria	29	-7	36
12 Sporting Gijon	29	-5	36
13 Osasuna	29	-6	34
14 Espanyol	29	-15	33
15 Real Zaragoza	30	-16	32
16 Malaga	30	-4	31
17 Racing	29	-12	31
18 Tenerife	30	-32	25
19 Valladolid	29	-21	24
20 Xerez	29	-26	22

Barcelona 4-1 Athletic Bilbao
Real Zaragoza 2-0 Malaga
Sevilla 3-0 Tenerife



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Zebras captain Greg Lombardo

WAG OF THE WEEK



Anara Atanes Age: 22
InSignificant Other: Sunderland Midfielder, Kieran Richardson

Balkans Scene with Alex Milic



Serbia

Red Star Belgrade remains two points clear at the top of the Superliga after defeating local rivals OFK Beograd away 2:0, with goals by Perovic and Lekic. The red and whites performed well playing excellent attacking football which was promised by their new manager Ratko Dostanic.

Rivals Partizan won by the same score-line against Spartak thanks to a double from defender Marko Lomic in the 48th and 72nd minute. Both goals were from great free kicks.

Vojvodina overcame BSK also 2:0 with goals by Dejan Tadic and the leagues top scorer Dragan Mrdja who converted a penalty kick. The team from Novi Sad is now only three points behind third place Spartak.



Lekic in action

after 10 minutes. Dinamo managed to level proceedings just before half time as Sammir netted a spot kick.

In the second half both teams played some good football and after 56 minutes Barbaric gave the visitors a 2:1 lead. Rijeka would not disappoint the home fans as they equalised in the 81st minute through Pamic.

Cibalia failed took take advantage as they also managed to take only one point in a goalless draw against Istra. Hajduk was disappointing in a 1:1 draw against second last Zagreb which is coached by former Hajduk legend Igor Stimac.

Varteks thrashed European hopefuls Sibenik 5:1. The team from Varazdin are now three points clear of relegation.

Hadjuk host Cibalia next week in the Dery match of round 24 while Dinamo take on their feeder club Lokomotiva.



Croatia

Rijeka managed to earn a point at home against league leaders Dinamo in a thrilling 2:2 draw. Rijeka took an early lead through Strok

BOSNIA		
	P	Pts
1 FK Željeznicar	21	41
2 Borac Banja Luka	21	41
3 NK Široki Brijeg	21	37
4 NK Zrinjski	21	35
5 FK Sarajevo	21	34
6 FK Velež	21	33
7 FK Leotar	21	30
8 NK Travnik	21	28
9 NK Celik	21	27
10 FK Olimpik Sarajevo	21	27
11 FK Slavija Sarajevo	21	26
12 FK Rudar Prijedor	21	25
13 NK Zvijezda Gradacac	21	24
14 FK Sloboda Tuzla	21	24
15 FK Laktaši	21	21
16 FK Modrica	21	21

CROATIA		
	P	GD Pts
1 Dinamo	23	+51 53
2 Cibalia	23	+22 45
3 Karlovac	23	+11 41
4 Šibenik	23	-2 40
5 Hajduk	23	+19 39
6 Osijek	23	+9 36
7 Lokomotiva	23	+1 36
8 Slaven Belupo	23	+2 35
9 Zadar	23	-9 30
10 Rijeka	23	-1 27
11 Inter Zaprešić	23	-10 24
12 Varteks	23	-11 24
13 Medimurje	23	-20 22
14 Istra 1961	23	-16 21
15 Zagreb	23	-10 20
16 Croatia Sesvete	23	-36 11



Stimac helping Zagreb

SERBIA		
	P	GD Pts
1. Crvena zvezda	22	42:11 58
2. Partizan	22	45:12 56
3. Spartak	22	26:18 36
4. OFK Beograd	22	28:24 36
5. Vojvodina	22	32:21 33
6. Metalac	22	18:25 30
7. Jagodina	22	24:24 29
8. Javor	22	17:17 29
9. Smederevo	22	21:25 27
10. Borac	22	16:28 26
15. Hajduk	22	22:32 23
11. Rad	22	25:32 22
12. BSK	22	17:26 22
14. Mladi radnik	22	15:25 22
13. Napredak	22	21:28 21
16. Cukaricki	22	17:38 18



Zrinjski celebrate



Sir William Walkley, Ampol and football

Mention the name Walkley today and most people will immediately think of the annual awards for journalism, but the man who began the Walkleys and left a legacy to continue them, was also a key figure in the development of football in this country. Sir William Walkley was born in New Zealand in 1896 and after service in the First World War helped found a petrol company to compete with foreign suppliers in 1931. He brought the same notion to Australia in the 1930s and after the war the company he helped develop became the Ampol Petroleum Company in 1949.

A keen sportsman Walkley and his partner William Arthur O'Callaghan saw the value of sponsoring sports tournaments as a way of promoting their product as Australia surfed a wave of migration in the 1950s and 1960s. Beginning with golf to which both partners were devoted, they expanded into surf lifesaving and then football, when he realized that so many of the migrants had an interest in the game. The Ampol Cup competitions became the pre-season competitions in Victoria and New South Wales initially and then for a few years what was effectively a national club championship.

The Ampol Cups began in New South Wales in 1958 and the first trophy was lifted by Canterbury-Marrickville. In Victoria JUST won the first Ampol Cup in 1960, when that competition replaced the Sun Pictorial Night Series. JUST went on to take the national Ampol Cup that year. Now there were Ampol Cups in South Australia, Queensland and from 1972 in Western Australia and Tasmania. The Newcastle area of NSW had its own Ampol Cup series, reflecting the strength of the game in that area.

Walkley had a broader vision for his support for football, which he saw as a way of bringing old and 'new' Australians together. Eventually he took a more active personal role in the game.

In 1963 when Henry Seamonds, the president of the newly formed Australian Soccer Federation died suddenly following a heart attack just after the meeting of the Federation in Melbourne, Walkley succeeded him. He was instrumental in the settlement with FIFA which resulted in the suspension of Australia's membership of the world governing body being lifted in July 1963. Australian clubs had been signing players from clubs in Holland, Austria, Malta and other countries, claiming they were migrants who just wanted to live in this country. Their clubs and FIFA demanded that transfer fees be paid and eventually a financial settlement was reached. That enabled Australia to enter the qualification for the World Cup for the first time in 1965.

Walkley also became the first president of the Oceania Confederation in 1965. His company also sponsored international matches including a China against Australia game in 1985, while clubs sides like St George Budapest carried the Ampol logo to a successful tournament in Japan in 1971.

A great promoter of all his activities, Walkley used the media brilliantly to advance his interests and those of the sports with which he was involved. He arranged charter flights to take journalists to major sporting events around the country. He was knighted in 1967 but maintained a keen interest in sports and journalism until his death in 1976. Australian football owes him a great debt for helping the code through a turbulent period both domestically and internationally.

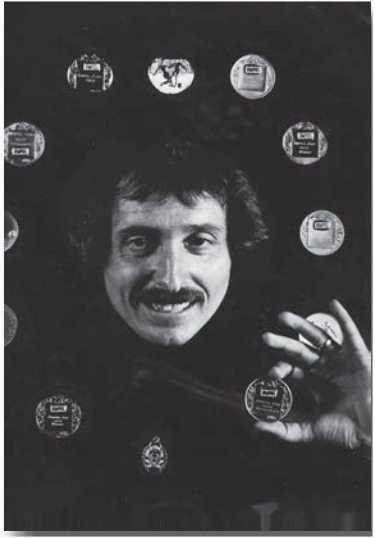


Sir William Walkley.

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Les Scheinflug lofts the Ampol Cup probably with Prague in the 1960s



Billy Vojtek surrounded by Ampol medals.



Johnny Warren is chaired off after his club St George Budapest won a tournament in Japan in March 1971. Tommy Anderson, by then in his last year as a player at St George is on the right.

AMPOL Cup winners

Northern New South Wales

1960 Wallsend	1968 Newcastle
1961 Wallsend	Austral
1962 Lake Mac-quarie	1969 Belmont-Swansea
1963 Wallsend	1970 Toronto-Awaba
1964 Wallsend	1971 New Lambton South
1965 Lake Mac-quarie	1972 Adamstown
1966 Newcastle	1973 Weston
Austral	1974 New Lambton South
1967 Belmont-Swansea	

New South Wales

1959 Prague	Suburbs
1960 St. George-Budapest	1972 St. George-Budapest
1961 Prague	1973 Hakoah
1962 Prague	1974 APIA Leichhardt
1963 SSC Yugal	1975 St. George-Budapest
1964 Prague	1976 Western Suburbs
1965 Prague	1977 unknown
1966 APIA Leichhardt	1978 Sutherland Shire SC
1967 St. George-Budapest	1979-80 unknown
1968 Hakoah	1981 Sutherland Shire SC
1969 Prague	
1970 APIA Leichhardt	
1971 Western	

South Australia

1961 Croatia	1982 West Adelaide
1962 Juventus	Sharks (former Hellas)
1963 Budapest	1983-87 unknown
1964 Hellas	1988 West Adelaide
1965 Lion	Sharks (former Hellas)
1966 Polonia	1989 Croatia
1967 Juventus	1990 Croatia
1968 Hellas	1991 unknown
1969 Enfield-Victoria	1992 unknown; runners-up: Modbury SC
1970 Hellas	1993 West Adelaide
1971 Hellas	Sharks (former Hellas)
1972 Hellas	
1973 Polonia	
1974 Juventus	
1975 Hellas	
1976 Hellas	
1977-81 unknown	

Queensland

1959 Oxley United	1968 Hollandia-Inala
1960 Hellenic	1969 Azzurri
1961 Hellenic	1970 Hollandia-Inala
1962 Hellenic	1971 Azzurri
1963 Hellenic	1972 East Merton
1964 Hellenic	1973 Brisbane Lions
1965 Coalstars	1974 Brisbane City
1966 Grange Thistle	1975 St. George-South
1967 St. Helens United	1976 Brisbane City

Tasmania

1972 Olympia	1975 Juventus
1973 Hobart Celtician	South
1974 Rapid West Point	1976 Juventus North

Western Australia

1961 Swan Athletic	1968 Azzurri
1962 Azzurri	1969 Windmills
1963 Tricolore	1970 Azzurri
1964 North Perth	1971 Azzurri
1965 North Perth	1972 Bayswater United
1966 Tricolore	
1967 Cracovia	

Victoria

1939 ICS	1971 Croatia
1940 ICS	1972 Croatia
1943 Brighton	1973 Melbourne
1945 Hakoah	1974 George Cross
1955 JUST	1975 Footscray-JUST
1956 JUST	1976 South Melbourne-Hellas
1957 JUST	1977 Essendon Lions
1958 George Cross	1978 Melbourne Knights SC
1959 Juventus	1979 Green Gully
1960 JUST	1980 Essendon
1961 George Cross	1981 Green Gully
1962 Wilhelmina	1982 South Melbourne-Hellas
1963 Polonia	1983 Green Gully
1964 Polonia	1984-85 unknown
1965 George Cross	1986 Melbourne Knights SC
1966 Footscray-JUST	1987 Melbourne Knights SC
1967 Port Melbourne-Slavia	
1968 Croatia	
1969 South Melbourne-Hellas	
1970 South Melbourne-Hellas	



KAT'S CORNER

With Peter Katholos

Australian international with 25 caps, Australian Player of the Year, winner of 4 NSL championships, 3 NSL Cups, 557 first grade games, 97 goals from 1976-1996. Played for St George, Sydney Olympic, Apia, Marconi, Melita Eagles and Larissa (Greece). Rated as one of the most technically gifted players ever produced in Australia. Now involved with player development and player management. www.technikfootball.com

We're right behind you, Adelaide Aurelio Vidmar certainly has planned well for the Asian Champions League and although Adelaide had an average season in the A-League the team is really firing on all cylinders at the moment.

The signing of ace marksman Sergio van Dyke has lifted the side enormously and players such as Pantelis, Dodd, Casio and Leckie are on fire. It's hard to believe that this is the same team that finished last in the A-league this season. Did I say hard to believe? Try impossible!

Right now the side is playing with so much confidence and working so hard for each other and everyone seems very hungry to succeed and prove a point after such a disappointing domestic season. It's fair to say that Adelaide United are on a march and all of us who follow and support our sport in this country are right behind them and wish them well.

And what about that boy Leckie? The ex-Bulleen kid is a great talent!

Panos Armenakas in Mundialito 2010

Do you know that we have an 11-year-

old player here in Australia that was chosen by the AC Milan Academy in Italy to represent them in the Mundialito 2010 held in Portugal for kids under-12?

I guess not because little has been written about this prodigious talent. His name is Panos Armenakas and he plays for Sydney Olympic's under-13s.

Other teams in the tournament were Benfica, Sporting Lisbon, Juventus, CSKA Moscow, Cameroon, Vasco de Gama, FC Porto and Sporting Club de Brazil.

Young Panos and his parents were flown over for the competition – all expenses paid mind you. And he did not disappoint. He scored many goals, set up many goals and overall was one of the best players in the tournament, which ranks this young Aussie kid as among the best under 12s in the world!

Congratulations Panos. You have done Australian football proud. Although he is only 11 he thinks like an adult and his repertoire of tricks, fakes and dummies gets him past defenders time and time again. Combine that with a lethal shooting technique and you start to form a picture of a very special talent indeed.

Remember this kid's name.

Breathtaking Barca, Messi superb

What a feast of football we witnessed last week in the Champions League quarter-finals with much more to absorb over the next few days in the return legs.

Barcelona v Arsenal ... wow. What a game! How good is this Barcelona team? They are absolutely breathtaking!

Their technique in passing, controlling the ball and accuracy is second to none. All the Barcelona players have the ability to run with the ball, pass the ball with precision and accuracy, and control the ball exceptionally and, course, there's the irrepressible Lionel Messi, simply a pleasure to watch.

My team Arsenal did not fare too badly in coming back from the dead, but we have no chance at the Nou Camp!

I guess one of the big questions in the return legs is whether or not Bayern Munich can do the business at Old Trafford. Some may say no Wayne Rooney no United but I don't think so.

I expect Inter Milan, with their desire and class, to progress to the semi-finals and French giant Lyon have already done enough to get through.

Ciao Roberto, benvenuto Jose

Here's a bold prediction. Roberto Mancini will not survive the chop at Manchester City and I think he will be heading back to Serie A in the summer.

Jose Mourinho will be back in the English Premier League next summer and I suspect he'd like nothing better than to square up against his old managerial foe Sir Alex Ferguson in a local derby. While on the topic of English football I'm pretty sure that the title this season will go right down to the wire. I'm not game to pick either United or Chelsea.

Champions win leagues

A couple of observations about our A-League. First and foremost, first past the post must be crowned Australian champion. Winning the league deserves the highest accolade.

Second I'm still wondering how anyone can drop their marquee player from their starting line-up and claim it was a team tactic. What the hell is going on here? Does Ian Ferguson really believe that we'll buy that one which was his rationale for dropping Robbie Fowler during the season?

As for the recently revived topic of

whether or not we should have a national cup competition I say an emphatic yes! Bring it on because it's long overdue.



Adelaide United coach Aurelio Vidmar.

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THE KATSA

With George Katsamboukas



J WALKER SCOREBOARD 1-5
Let's begin the week with the World Stage, where...

Craig Moore has returned from his gig in Greece, 2 weeks short of completing his contract with Kavala FC.

According to Moore, 'his body needed a rest', however the Greek Club put a somewhat different spin on his departure, citing alleged off-field indiscretions.

However, the Soccerroo El Supremo Pim Verbeek, has demanded that all players vying for a spot in the World Cup Finals need to be playing, which will put Moore under the pump somewhat because he is currently clubless. However, Moore has found the solution where he will 'take a

few weeks off and find a State League Club to train with". We might even see him grace the pages of Goal! Weekly's Queensland pages sooner than we think. Perfect preparation - from the Queensland State League training grounds to the World Cup Finals!

PADDY'S WHACK

Over to the UK we go where ex-South Melbourne player Patrick Kisnorbo's dream of playing in the World Cup Finals has been shattered after sustaining a serious Achilles injury, whilst playing for Leeds against Millwall earlier this week.

This will give Verbeek one less option

for the stopper's role, as Kisnorbo was earmarked for this spot.

Kisnorbo is one of the game's gentlemen, whose career has been filled with many serious injuries. Wishing you a speedy recover, Paddy!

DIGGING DEEP

I had to pull the dictionary out this week, and after a very long search I found it and dusted it off.

Reason for this is that I had to look up the definition for the word "success", as after having read a story on North Queensland Fury where FFA Numero Uno, Ben Buckley, described their season as follows:

"NQF was an extremely successful club in its first year in the Hyundai A-League especially on the pitch and everyone involved deserves to be congratulated."

A total trading loss in their first season of \$2.5 million and finishing one game away from the bottom spot is hardly what one would call 'successful', however, men wearing pin stripe suits can rely on putting their spin doctors into action to provide a cure.

The FFA will also assist North Queensland next Season as part of the FFA Stimulus Package also.

LA VIDA LOCA

To the local scene we go where with

the Easter break, and number of VPL Coach's currently sitting on Death Row have been given a week's reprieve.

The Scorer will be on red alert next week as once the season resumes as some of these Gaffers are hanging on to their jobs by the skin of their.... teeth. Short but not so sweet this week...

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BOO'S WORLD

With Mark Boric



Victory stomps all over Kawasaki

Melbourne Victory have turned it all around ... well just enough to beat Kawasaki Frontale 1-0 during the week. So no longer can they be compared to Australian losers in Asia, like Stern Hu, but instead can now stand tall alongside George Lazenby, Brett Prebble and Hando from Romper Stomper who all have kicked Asian arse.

Just as Victory find winning ways in Asia, Adelaide United stumble to their first defeat of this campaign at Sanfrecce Hiroshima. They are still well placed to make the next stage though, their mathematical possibility of qualifying a little stronger than that of Melbourne.

Malcolm slams Ange

There was an extraordinary article in Scotland's 'Daily Record' a couple of weeks ago attacking Brisbane Roar

coach Ange Postecoglou. Entitled 'Crazy Brisbane boss almost made me quit game after banning smiling at training, says Dundee's Bob Malcolm', the piece launched into Postecoglou as if it was written by Craig Foster. Surprisingly referring to a former Soccerroo player and National Youth Team coach as a 'Greek TV pundit' (yep, complete with ambiguity although I don't watch much Greek TV), the article also seemed to misrepresent the Roar's league position at the time of Frank Farina's dismissal. Malcolm claimed: "In his first week the new boss had a meeting with the players. He told us he didn't like having a laugh in the dressing-room." Hmm, I wonder if Postecoglou was trying to stamp out drunken giggling which allegedly had flourished among the senior players under Farina's rule?

Malcolm continued: "In his first game as gaffer we lost and I broke my nose. After it I spoke to him and he assured

me when I was fit I was going to be in his plans. But it was all bullshit – he just wanted me out of his office. He thought that was easier than having to explain to me why I wouldn't be playing." I can remember watching the game Malcolm refers to. The Roar supporters actually cheered Malcolm's injury and his early substitution as his performance was so poor. Maybe Postecoglou didn't think Malcolm would take too well to being told that he wouldn't be playing anymore because he was taking the piss out of the club and the league. Or maybe he did tell him. Then again Malcolm is highly unlikely to admit this to Scotland's main daily tabloid.

Oar paddles overseas

Brisbane Roar have sold Tommy Oar, Michael Zullo and Adam Sarota to Dutch club FC Utrecht. Meanwhile, former Victory youngsters Matt Theodore and

Nathan Elasi are trying to reignite their careers at State League clubs. Luckily Victory appointed a coach with a background in junior development.

Consistently puzzling Both Oakleigh Cannons and Dandenong Thunder were fined for recent trouble at a game, \$750 and \$1500 respectively. Makes one wonder how many people must have died at the St Albans game in 2009 which saw them heavily fined and deducted nine points for last season and three for this one. Consistency can be found in a dictionary but not at some FFV Tribunal judgments.

New 'TV Hellas star', Ange Postecoglou cops a swipe in the Scottish press.



KRNCEVIC'S CRUNCHLINES

With Eddie Krncevic

Australian soccer legend, Eddie Krncevic represented the Socceroos 35 times and scored 17 goals. He played professionally in Europe for Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia), MSV Duisberg (Germany), Mulhouse (France) and Anderlecht, FC Liege, Aalst and Charleroi in Belgium.

Greetings football fans and welcome to another dose of Krncevic's Crunchlines.

I hope you all had safe and enjoyable Easter. While the Victorian competitions made the most of the long weekend and headed into a short recess, the respective Premier Leagues around Australia continued to be involved in the action and completed a full round of fixtures. The South Australian Premier League also did not play, but Federation Cup games were accommodated.

Compliments are in store for the all gang at Goal! Weekly who reiterated their commitment and pledge to develop the mag into a truly national publication by still publishing this week. In previous years the publication would follow suit and also make the most of the week off.

However, with the Victorian State and Provisional teams about to commence their respective competitions this weekend, there is too much football on the horizon to take a breather.

Mind you, I understand crowds were noticeably down at venues across the country this weekend and perhaps for the sake of players, officials and fans alike, the idea of leaving the Easter weekend completely football free may not be such a bad one after all. I'm sure everyone involved would appreciate the opportunity to enjoy uninterrupted quality family

time during one of the most important religious times of the year. Then again, some would argue that football is a religion in itself.

WHEN IN DOUBT, KICK IT OUT

Thanks to SBS, I managed to enjoy another tantalising round of UEFA Champions League action during the week. If you don't have Foxtel then SBS is well and truly a godsend which at least allows you to watch probably the best club competition in the world. Don't get me wrong, Foxtel are doing a great job with their football coverage too, especially with their A-league and EPL games, and thankfully the days of Channel Seven are long behind us, but many homes in Australia do not have Pay TV, and SBS still plays a very important role in filling that void.

I was most impressed with Bayern Munich's win over Manchester United, who showed great endeavour to come back from a goal down to win the tie 2-1. United's away goal may well prove decisive in the end, as the whole episode is delicately balanced heading towards Old Trafford for the return leg.

I think the scoreline actually flattered Sir Alex Ferguson's side, and it could have easily been more than two goals to Bayern. Bayern were so industrious and relentless in their intensity, and their endeavour paid off, forcing Patrice Evra to crumble under pressure, leaving

Ivica Olic to seal the match. Football is all about decision making. But, it is also about making the right decisions at the right time. Making the right decisions under pressure is what separates the very good players from the good players.

I was absolutely astonished to see Evra, a player with no less than over 20 French international appearances to his name, attempt to clear the ball with the outside of his left foot, almost trying to do a flick, when it would have been far easier to clear the ball and the danger with one swift kick using the laces of his right boot. His body positioning and the angle of the direction that the ball travelling would dictate that, however in that moment of decision making madness, he was left standing cold as Olic made the most of picking up the crumbs from Gomez's driving run and then proceeding to plant the ball in the back of Van der Saar's net.

Evra should have known better, and especially at this level. It is obvious that Evra favours his left foot, but you cannot expect to get away with being one sided in such a high octane contest. The standard and quality of players we saw in action last Wednesday morning were of World Cup proportions, and based on that evidence then I shudder to think how the Socceroos will fair in South Africa under similar circumstances. When I think of the Socceroos I automatically think one sided players - Harry Kewell,



Speaking of left feet Man United are lucky they don't have Daniel Day Lewis playing for them.

Jason Culina, David Carney, Scott Chipperfield - just to name a few. Football is course the round ball game, and footballers need to be all-rounders. We need to be producing players who have the ability to use both feet in confidence, and of course making the right decisions under extreme pressure.

LONG HAUL

Good to see the FFA made the intelligent and important decision to assist the North Queensland Fury and guarantee its commitment to grow the game in the area. Things do not happen overnight

and it will take time, perseverance and patience. We all have to keep our eye on the bigger picture, and remember we're all in for the long haul. If you think we've got problems here in Australia, then spare a thought for Craig Moore and his most recent team, Kavala, in Greece. Apparently, the players had not been paid in over two months, approximately 14 players have been sacked, and the coach, the well respected Dutch coach, Aad de Mos, was shown the door.




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MACKENZIE AT LARGE

An Occasional Offering from Craig MacKenzie

Durakovic to Gully?
No way!

MEHMET Durakovic to Green Gully, Ian Greener to replace Durakovic as Victory youth coach and Ian Dobson to take over Greener's job with the National Training Centre program.

Geez, I almost forgot. Apparently Gary Cole's been sacked by Victory and Harry Bingham is the new youth coach at North Queensland Fury. That's assuming, of course, that there still is a North Queensland Fury and a youth team there to coach.

Let me catch my breath for a moment coz I'm all rumoured out.

Ah, that's better. Deep breath. And another one.

Man, it takes it out of you getting into verbal stoushes on internet forums, eh?

But what a wonderful source of information these forums provide. Truly wonderful. In a literal sense. Full of wonder, of awe. Full of thinking and speculating curiously.

And sometimes full of crap!

Durakovic has another year to run on his contract as Victory youth coach and he has no plans to move.

If Gully offered him \$200,000 a year he wouldn't move. He's happy being involved with a gun A-League club in his hometown.

And in one fell swoop, three rumours came tumbling down.

As for the Cole rumour, given that it's been out there for nearly a fortnight



Ian Dobson's name has been doing the rounds of late, linked with the NTC squad and even a return to the Gully hot-seat. We're not 100% sure how thrilled the referees are about the news.

PHOTO STEVE STAREK

it's a fair bet that if it had been accurate then Grantley Bernard or Michael Lynch would have reported the fact in Melbourne's mainstream print media by now.

And what of the Bingham rumour? Hmm, I'm in a cheeky mood so maybe I'll let that simmer for a wee while longer so that it's well and truly cooked when we finally remove it from the heat.

Comets' three-card trick

THERE'S every chance that three young guns will be in Casey Comets' starting line-up to face Pines.

There have been quite a few youngsters who have caught the eye of new senior coaches George Hughes and Dougie Chisholm during the pre-season but GW understands that three in particular have been in sizzling form – Jarryd Barnes, Brendan Elmadovski and Domenic Branca.

Barnes, 17, has been involved with the River Plate Youth Academy and has spent some time in Argentina. Hughes and Chisholm gave the wide right midfielder a full senior season at Peninsula Strikers last year and he has blossomed.

Elmadovski is a central midfielder who turns 18 this year and has been involved with the seniors for a couple of seasons while 17-year-old Branca is a right back and son of the club president.

"Jarryd has been starring recently, Brendan's an absolute dynamo and Domenic has been very impressive. I've got no doubts that these three lads have the potential to go on and do really big things in the game," said Chisholm.

Although the senior squad is the youngest the club has fielded for many years there still is a group of experienced players who more than likely will be relied on to at least ensure that the Comets don't lose their league status.

Tony Saunders will captain the side from his customary midfield position while Anthony and Stephen Cicarelli are back after quitting the Comets last year and joining Endeavour United (which ended up being relegated from Provisional One South-East).



Big Lee Wilkinson again will be relied upon to shore up the defence (when he's not suspended, of course, as he is on Saturday) and David Terek up front has grabbed a new lease on life and has been doing very well during the pre-season.

Two of the club's major off-season signings have been forward Negus Henry from Peninsula Strikers and 27-year-old Zimbabwean Farai Murwira from Malvern City.

Henry's 17 goals earned him leading scorer honours last season in State Three South-East while Murwira first came here to Melbourne to compete in the 2008 Homeless World Cup.

He gained refugee status then permanent residency but last season struggled to force his way into Malvern City's starting 11.

Things are different at Casey and the coaching staff like what they see.

"This guy is a tremendous talent. He's small, a bit stocky, he plays just in behind the front two and he's really exciting to watch," said Chisholm.

Comets also have signed ex-Fawkner 20-year-old Shane Savannah, a left-sided player, and two young players from Dandy Thunder: 17-year-old striker Mustafa Nadar and 19-year-old American midfielder Tommy McIntyre who hails from Boston and has played college football in the States.

It's called bonding, brother

IT'S FAIR to say that Peninsula Strikers have had an unusual pre-season preparation under the guidance of new player-coach Billy Armour.

The last thing the former Pines stalwart would have wanted was to have his side's last main pre-season hit-out turn out to be just that – a melee involving flying karate kicks, wild haymakers and a number of headlocks in a contest that eventually had to be abandoned late in the second half.

To make matters worse the opponent two Saturdays ago was Pines but the good news was that no-one was seriously injured.

But what is commonly regarded in Australian Football circles as a fair dinkum old-fashioned bonding session wasn't enough because Strikers senior and reserve teams bonded even more last Thursday night.

Both squads started off at Vesper's in Carrum Downs then many senior players met up at Frankston nightspot Davey's no doubt continuing the bonding theme. I hear some of them were still bonding at 5am on Friday morning but Armour found the going tough.

"It's hard to keep up with these young guys nowadays," he said.

So I guess we can look forward to a really tight-knit group contesting State Three South-East this season.

Seriously though, Armour has had a mountain to climb in a short time. Upon his arrival he was confronted by a mass exodus of players from last year's squad and has addressed the issue by making a number of signings mainly from Mornington and Sandringham.

The four Sandringham newcomers are striker Theo Papadopoulos, ex-Port Melbourne, midfielder Paul McCluskey, utility player Michael Cooke and 17-year-old wide midfielder Matt Janson.

McCluskey is the son of former Celtic star Pat McCluskey and continues a family association with Centenary Park as uncle Danny McCluskey was a central defensive strongman for the old Frankston City.

Cooke has a tremendous workrate and although mainly seen up front at Sandringham, Armour is likely to use him in the engine room come matchday.

Two strikers considered surplus to requirements at Mornington have been snapped up by Armour – Alex Halikias and Chaz di Petta – while Dan Waite, brother of Nick Waite, has claimed the number one keeper's jersey.

"Dan came to us as an outfield player

but we were struggling for keepers so we got him back in goal and I thought he played well against Pines which was his main test so far," said Armour.

"Our main aim this year has to be to stay in the league. We need to first of all consolidate after losing so many players.

"At the end of the day we're going to have to battle in every game. The side that battles the hardest in this league is the one that generally gets results."

Gritty rather than pretty seems to be the message Armour is pushing. At the same time he's cognisant of the need to try and bring through some of the younger players at the club.

At least the till still is ticking over and the club welcomed the recent announcement of Beretta Hotels Pty Ltd as the major sponsor. The flagships of the Beretta fleet are the Vaucluse Hotel in Richmond and the Langwarrin Hotel.

Bilic Homes and Unitex have also joined up as sponsors. Stan Bilic is well known through his involvement with Melbourne Knights and his sponsorship of a number of clubs while Unitex lays claim to being Australia's most innovative manufacturer of specialty exterior wall materials.



Strikers coach Billy Armour. Photo: DARRYL KENNEDY.

EXTRA TIME VERSION

A Larger Than Life Offering from The Big Mac

McMinimee in Pines comeback

JAMIE McMinimee last played a competitive game of football four seasons ago but the thirty-something veteran will be thrust into the cauldron of Saturday's State Two South-East derby between Casey Comets and Frankston Pines.

McMinimee is a former Springvale City, Langwarrin and Dandy Thunder star and has rejoined Pines after first playing for the club in the 1990s. Not that he'll have time to reminisce in what is expected to be a hotly contested season opener at Comets Stadium.

Another Pines signing, big Niall Mitten, lines up against the side he opened the 2009 season with only to leave after a handful of games and was already zeroing in on the contest when we spoke to him last week.

"Just let's say that I'm pretty enthusiastic to get in there and have a crack at them. I'm really looking forward to this one," said Mitten.

The legal wrangle involving a claim by former coach Doug Hodgson for monies owed was settled a few weeks ago which has allowed Pines to refocus on football matters and there have been significant moves in the club's coaching department.

John Cullen was appointed late last year as assistant to senior coach Tom O'Halloran and Stevie Spencer is in charge of the reserves. Dave Luca is expected to be confirmed as under-18s coach.

But back to the playing list. Other Pines' captures in the off-season include goalkeeper Mark Blanco, defender Mathew Hodgson and teenage midfielder Jarryd McMinimee, all part of an exodus from Langwar-

rin. Blanco is one of the star pupils to emerge from Keepa goalkeeping clinic run by former Melbourne Croatia and Heidelberg United custodian Peter Blasby while Hodgson has led Langy's reserves and been involved with the first team squad.

"He (Blanco) can be the best keeper in Australia," said Blasby.

"You're going to ask me why I say that and you'll laugh at this but it's because he doesn't think. He's instinctive. He's fearless. I don't think he knows how agile he actually is.

"He needs to sort out the mental side of things but if he grows another foot and gets more verbal he can be anything he wants to be."

Another newcomer to the first team squad is Peter Dimceviski who was part of the successful Southern Blue Tongues outfit that Lou Kastner coached to the 2009/10 Victorian Champions League title.

The 17-year-old midfielder will be joined by Blue Tongues teammate Edward Southerington, also 17, who can play as a defensive midfielder or defender. Southerington played with Pines reserves last season and is quick, strong and tall and is expected to make a major impact in senior ranks this season.

Other teenagers expected to feature include Murray Savory, 18, who played in Brazil last year and ex-Altona Magic player Josh Wood.

Doubts have surfaced as to the mooted Torquay United foray for teenage defender Sait Guler and Blanco. They are two of six members of Zane Bowen's soccer academy who have been invited to the English League Two side in a couple of months to start

pre-season training before enrolling in the club's Paignton College course in August.

So far no paperwork has emerged and questions are being asked as to why Torquay is dragging its heels.

One of Pines' first team mainstays last season was striker Matt Morris-Thomas who can play in midfield or up front. He suffered a hairline fracture of his fibia almost six weeks ago but is expected to be in the starting line-up on Saturday.

The club was trying to sign a striker from Southern Stars as we went to press.



Time for Jamie to give the old passport photo a wee dust. PHOTO: DARRYL KENNEDY

Another 'record' for Magic

ALTONA Magic is no stranger to Victorian Premier League success but it's a fair bet that one 'record' currently held by the Paisley Park lads won't get a mention in the club's honours' roll.

Magic is the only VPL outfit so far to have charged for entry to a midweek National Training Centre game.

As many of you know, the National Training Centre experiment at senior level was introduced to the VPL fixture this year with games played under lights and no points at stake.

When I spoke to Football Federa-

tion Victoria CEO Matt Rendell some weeks back he made it clear that it was up to the host clubs whether or not to charge an entry fee.

So Magic was entirely within its rights to ask for \$12 at the gate on Wednesday, 3 March.

So were South Melbourne, Bentleigh Greens, Northcote City, Green Gully and Dandenong Thunder, however, these clubs chose to decline the opportunity.

The reason I bring this up is that I understand one of the gatekeepers that night at Paisley Park explained the charge by saying his club had to fork out for referee payments.

That is not true. FFV foots the bill, which means that Magic's decision to charge entry can only be interpreted as a revenue-raising exercise.



Who is that media man?

JUST over 100 media passes have gone through FFV's accreditation process for the 2010 season.

On one hand that should translate into a superb coverage of the local game but given that those numbers are not unusual will the sport continue to fight for broad recognition across various media streams?

I can hear the cynics among you chastising the federation for allowing so many of us 'freeloaders' to gain free entry to games but before you go

any further I can assure you that this time round FFV media and communications officer, Mia Hayes, has been at pains to screen the flood of applications that arrived at her desk.

"We've really stamped down on applications this year in fact some applicants were asked to bring in samples of their work before being accredited," said Hayes.

I'm curious to know though what sample was presented by a gent I have seen around the traps for the past 30 years and who now can be seen at Pre-

mier League games proudly sporting his accreditation hanging from a band around his neck.

I'm pretty sure the guy in question is not a photographer and if he's a journalist then I look forward to having some of his stories translated. If he writes in the same colourful fashion that has long been a hallmark of his views of matches and the administration of the sport in general then it will make for some really interesting reading.

LIKELY WINNERS IN CAPITALS

FOR almost 30 years Laurie Schwab was The Age soccer writer and convinced the Fairfax group to start up a national weekly tabloid, Soccer Action, in the late 1970s.

Years before computers were in vogue Schwab bashed away at an old typewriter week after week to ensure that football followers were kept abreast of upcoming games and behind-the-scenes stories.

He painstakingly typed up the weekend's fixtures on a Thursday and they would appear every Friday in Age Sport throughout the season.

On Sunday evening Schwab would work out the league standings then type out the tables for all senior Victorian Soccer Federation men's competitions (there were no senior women's leagues).

But simply publishing the weekend's round of matches wasn't enough for Schwab. He had to inject some life into his copy by putting his credibility on the line and making selections and the term 'likely winners in capitals' became standard fare over three decades.

Schwab died suddenly on Wednesday 11 June 1997 aged 50. Soccer Action had gone out of circulation almost 10 years earlier.

This publication and Australian soccer owe a debt of gratitude to Schwab who operated in an era when our sport was treated as a



The one and only, Laurie Schwab.

second-class citizen by powerful people throughout the media.

To commemorate Schwab's contribution and to signal the start of the Victorian State League and Provisional League seasons, GW presents its very own selections for this weekend's Round One clashes. And remember, likely winners are in capitals:

STATE ONE

Friday: ST ALBANS DINAMO v North Geelong. Saturday: CLIFTON HILL v Fawkner, LANGWARRIN v Western Suburbs, Pascoe Vale v Preston Lions (draw). Monday: BULLEEN v Whittlesea Zebras, Springvale White Eagles v MALVERN CITY.

STATE TWO SOUTH-EAST

Saturday: CASEY COMETS v Frankston Pines, MORWELL PEGASUS v Eastern Lions, Diamond Valley Utd v Doncaster Rovers (draw), HEATHERTON UTD v Dandenong City, Knox City v Berwick City (draw), Southern Suburbs v SOUTHERN STARS.

STATE TWO NORTH-WEST

Friday: Whittlesea Ranges v GEE-LONG RANGERS, PORT MELBOURNE v Sydenham Park. Saturday: BALLARAT RED DEVILS v Moreland City, Brunswick City v Banyule City (draw), WERRIBEE CITY v Altona East Phoenix, Williamstown v ALTONA CITY.

STATE THREE SOUTH-EAST

Saturday: Brandon Park v WAVERLEY WANDERERS, Peninsula Strikers v Croydon City Arrows (draw), FITZROY CITY v Noble Park Utd, South Springvale v Mornington (draw), Springvale City v Kingston City (draw). Sunday: NUNAWADING CITY v North Caulfield.

STATE THREE NORTH-WEST

Friday: GEELONG v Lalor, Saturday: Keilor Park v MELB UNI RANGERS, La Trobe University v HUME UTD, Maribyrnong Greens v Westgate (draw), Sunbury Utd v Cairnlea (draw), YARRAVILLE GLORY v Essendon Utd.

PROVISIONAL ONE SOUTH-EAST

Saturday: Warragul Utd v Old Melbourne (draw), Beaumaris v DANDE-NONG SPARROWS, DOVETON v Monash Uni, MONBULK v Boroond

ara Eagles, MOOROOLBARK v Sandringham City, OLD SCOTCH v Old Camberwell Grammar.

PROVISIONAL ONE NORTH-WEST

Saturday: FC STRATHMORE v Laverton Park, NORTH SUNSHINE EAGLES v Corio, Northern Falcons v Melbourne City (draw), SOUTH YARRA v Avondale Heights, WESTVALE v Elwood City, Whittlesea Utd v North City Lions (draw).

PROVISIONAL TWO SOUTH-EAST

Saturday: SKYE UTD v Riversdale, Endeavour Utd v ASHBURTON, Whitehorse Utd v Lyndale Utd (draw), Old Carey v OLD BRIGHTON GRAMMARIANS, Uni of Melbourne Blues v BERWICK KINGS, BAYSIDE ARGONAUTS v Caulfield Cobras.

PROVISIONAL TWO NORTH-WEST

Saturday: BELL PARK v Western Eagles, Epping City v Melbourne Tornado (draw), Lalor Utd v Plenty Valley Lions (draw), Moreland Utd v COLLINGWOOD CITY, SURF COAST v West Preston, MELTON v Hoppers Crossing.

PROVISIONAL THREE SOUTH-EAST

Saturday: Noble Park v Eltham Redbacks (draw), OLD TRINITY GRAMMARIANS v Essendon Royals, ROWVILLE EAGLES v Glen Waverley, SEAFORD UTD v East Bentleigh, White Star Dandenong v Manningham (draw), BRIGHTON v Keysborough.

PROVISIONAL THREE NORTH-WEST

Saturday: Balmoral v MEADOW PARK EAGLES, Mill Park v DAREBIN UTD, YOUTH UTD v Northern Roosters, Bundoora Utd v BRUNSWICK ZEBRAS, KEILOR WOLVES v Watsonia Heights, Upfield v Brimbank Stallions (draw).



With Leroy Robinson



UNITED IN THEIR ABSENCE

By Leroy Robinson

INJURIES to the 2 best players in the EPL this season have dominated the news this week. Whilst the league will be a poorer place without Cesc Fabregas – gone for the remainder of the season – perhaps he should learn to place penalties in future rather than try and destroy the ball. If he isn't fit in time, the World Cup will be a poorer place without him.

Another man made a few more headlines. Wayne Rooney, for someone who isn't blessed with movie star looks – Adam North called him a potato head last week! – has had his pic in the paper a whole lot last week. The talk going into the game versus Chelsea though wasn't just of Rooney; it was of how his replacement Dimitar Berbatov would perform. My crystal ball told me Wayne Rooney on crutches would have posed more of a threat to Chelsea – 1-0 to the crystal ball. Maybe Berba, so absent on the pitch, should have spent Saturday buying a new pair of slippers and an armchair to replace the well-worn one he used on the pitch.

For the benefit of those fully paid-up members of his fan club (mum and dad) I do believe he's not the type of player who can play upfront on his own. In fact what he needs is one of those illegal immigrants the newspapers over here bang on about; someone who'll do the work he doesn't want to do – like running. For chemistry reasons I feel he and Rooney would be a better combo up front. That won't happen for another 2 weeks (if it does) so for now he is the only striker Manchester United have so the fans better cross their fingers and pray.

After the 2-1 defeat at home to Chelsea I was left wondering about United and if Rooney's injury is a blessing in disguise. For a start the Michael Owen experiment failed. He won't ever see out a full season again – not with his dodgy hamstrings. It's obviously too late now for SAF to do anything about his squad, and some fans may think I'm crazy at

suggesting changes to a squad that's won 3 straight titles and still in with a chance of a 4th.

However, nothing stands still in football and Rooney's absence highlighted the lack of central striking options for Ferguson. It is generally accepted that a team needs 4 quality strikers to go through a tough season. Maybe Ferguson thought Berbatov/Rooney/Owen/Macheda would suffice but really he has three and half strikers if you take into account Owen (not because of his height – his injury record).

But an experienced striker isn't the only answer to all their problems. It could be argued that the defence this season has masked the ineptitude of the creative players like Nani, Valencia and Park. Yes Rooney has scored a proportion of goals with his head from their crosses but where are the goals from these guys? During the game against Chelsea there was at no time any suspicion the midfielders had the guile to pick out a killer pass or beat a man with skill or change of pace. They are Berbatov's antithesis – as in they run around a lot – but the result is more or less the same aside from the odd decent game.

Valencia especially frustrates me. Big and strong and quick he somehow refuses to use any of his attributes to full effect therefore making him as intimidating as KISS without their make-up. Who to replace these duds? David Silva would be perfect on the left and Juan Manuel Mata, his Valencia colleague, could line up in the centre and score goals. Let's hope come the off season when Owen declares himself fully fit and raring to go that Ferguson invites him to talk to the hand and signs a striker who he won't cringe anytime he puts in a burst of speed or goes in for a tackle.

HAMMER TIME

UNDER the heading 'why did they do it' is news that West Ham complained to the Premier League about Fulham's team selection in the 2-0 defeat last week to Hull City. Their complaints centre on Fulham's 6 changes from



Manchester United badly missed the menace of Wayne Rooney against Chelsea on the weekend. Sir Alex will be forced to reshuffle the pack and prove that United isn't such a one man band this year.

the previous starting line up.

The problem with this is that their manager Zola has 'no complaints' about Roy Hodgson's team selection and Hodgson himself wants to know if West Ham should pick his next team for him. Fair play to him for pointing out that it is ok for Chelsea, Arsenal, Man United and Liverpool to play their squad players but not him.

But what if he'd changed 9 outfield players, like Wolves did for a game at United this year? Surely that's not right? In an ideal world I'd love for managers to stick with exactly the same line-up week after week and the funny thing is, and as a Fulham season ticket holder I'd know more than anyone, that is more or less what Hodgson has done. Regardless, it's not for the EPL to get involved in ANY issues on team selection for Wolves or Fulham or anyone else because that's

why we have a squad system. What next? Complaints when Liverpool drop Torres and Gerrard to the bench or if Rooney doesn't start a game?

So there's no circumstances under which it's wrong to play a weakened team? Well only on the last day of the season when there are no more games and resting isn't a reason. In general I don't agree with the need to rest players given, they should be rested between games. However, it's the managers right to choose his team – it's his job on the line after all – and let the fans decide what they think of it and not the EPL.

The EPL's E20 rule stipulates that all sides must field full strength line-ups in all games. However, given the number of changes and resting of players some teams do it only really enforces the rule for wholesale changes. This rule is meant to safeguard the integrity of the league

but changing a side with squad players may not necessarily weaken a team that significantly. It needs to change this rule or be more specific about how many changes you can make before the rule kicks in. I would still disagree with it but it would give managers scope for resting players and provide a clear dividing line.

As paying customers it's only the fans of each respective club that have grounds for complaint, not a Hammers chairman who should be focused on what they are doing rather than the opposition. It's a big mistake to push this and a rather embarrassing move from a club that shouldn't have to rely on results from the likes of Fulham or Hull to stay up in any event. It isn't for the EPL to interfere with things like this when they should be throwing their weight behind passing and implementing rules to ensure a Portsmouth-style situation does not happen again and to properly sort out their 'fit and proper' test for owners.

As for Wolves fine of £25,000 fine for breaching rule E20, it is as useful as slapping Mr. Universe with a duster. Whereas I disagree wholly with the EPL's stance if you are going to make a stand then set a punishment at a far higher level to truly act as a deterrent. The whole thing smacks of being thought up in a Soho strip club over a few cocktails.

As for Hodgson, do you think he'll need to motivate his players for West Ham's visit to Craven Cottage come May 1st and do you think the west Ham owners fully thought this one out before they complained – via their lawyers – to the EPL? Clue: the answer to both is no and don't be surprised if Hodgson sends out the same 11 against the hammers that started against Hull City, but don't expect the same result!

CORRECTION: In last week's issue I stated Everton got beaten 6-0 by Arsenal. My son pointed out it was 6-1 with a late Saha goal as Everton's consolation. Sorry, will try and do better the next time.

IN OFF THE POST



Got something to say? Drop us a line and get it off your chest. Best letter wins double movie pass to Palace Cinemas.

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Dear Goal! Weekly,
I buy your paper every week without fail and have supported you guys since pretty much day one. Well done on the new look and all the fancy new colour – keep up the good work. I have noticed this season though that on a couple of occasions the Victorian Premier League ladder has been incorrect. For instance, Oakleigh has conceded 5 goals, not 3, as stated in last week's mag – (1 v Bent

Greens, 1 v Northcote, 1 v Green Gully, 1 v Thunder, 1 v Bergers). Not a clean sheet in sight. I noticed all the other states have a full run down of results and ladders, but we are now entering Round 6 in Victoria and I have still yet to see the Under 21's table for the VPL this year. What is going on, please?

Charlie, Gladstone Park

Dear Charlie,
Many thanks for your ongoing support and the feedback regarding the mag. It really is greatly appreciated. GW basically relies on the confirmed results data to be sent through to us over the course of the weekend by the respective Federations, for Monday publication. Whilst the majority of the states have complied with our pre-season requests, we have yet to receive the regular results service-

from the FFV so far this year. We have tried on numerous occasions to request that we receive the correct data from the FFV, but have been told "we are in the process of appointing Event Assistants who will be faxing the match records at the completion of each game, and also Results Assistants who will send through the results email on Sundays." At the moment, GW match reporters collect the match details information

after a game is completed (if it is available), and the editorial desk tries to work out the table on a Sunday night after all results are confirmed. This can be quite a challenge when working to a deadline and trying to include the late Sunday game which kicks-off at 7pm, as our deadline to send last pages to the printer is 10pm. We hope to rectify all of the above in due course.
Ed.



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In Arsene We Trust?

So far it has been a highly successful season for Arsenal Football Club. They are still in with a chance of winning both the Premiership and the Champions League. However, if they fail to take either trophy back to North London, can we consider their season to be a success?

As I have already pointed out, it has been a very good season for Arsenal and their fans to this point. Before a ball was kicked many pundits, and also many opposition fans, predicted bad things for the Gunners in 2010, suggesting that the club may struggle to finish in the top four in the Premier League, let alone win anything. Instead it was the team in red up in Liverpool that were supposed to be competing for both domestic and European glory, and yet it is they who find themselves outside the top four, and also playing in Europe's lesser competition, whereas Arsenal are still in contention for the two biggest prizes around.

And it comes as no surprise that the man who is in most part responsible for Arsenal's overturning of any preseason predictions of failure is the Gunners manager Arsene Wenger. Wenger is one of two managers in the Premier League, along with Alex Ferguson, that are simply unsackable, as in the last decade he has transformed Arsenal into what they are today, one of the most well-known, and well-respected clubs in all of world football. Although actual trophies have dried up over the last few years, his teams continue to pursue success through playing football the right way, as Arsene sees it, and by promoting youth over big transfers.

Yet recently I heard the argument that if Liverpool win the Europa League, and finish fourth, and then Arsenal fail to win anything, then the Reds have had a better season than the Gunners. Whether or not this argument stands up is irrelevant, but it does raise the question as to whether a trophy-less season can be considered to be successful one for Arsenal and their fans.

There are many ways that one could



Arsenal have it all to play for, but will the light still be shining on Arsene Wenger's young guns come season's end?

argue that a season without winning anything can still be considered a success for the Arsenal. For one, the club have definitely progressed since last season. It has been a few seasons since the Gunners have looked like genuine title contenders going into the new year, let alone with less than ten games to go, but this season they are still looking like they could overtake United and Chelsea at the top.

Also, unlike United, Chelsea and Liverpool, and even Manchester City, Villa, and Spurs, they haven't been spending big bucks all over the place to try and garner success. Even after loosing their biggest name striker from last season, Emmanuel Adebayor, the Gunners have continued to maintain their strength in attack. In fact the only new investment into the team this season has been Thomas Vermaelen, who himself was hardly a well-known, big name player.

And it is this sound transfer activity that

gives Arsenal such a solid financial backbone. The biggest team in North London do still have debts, but mostly those are tied up with paying for their Emirates Stadium, and these debts are being worked off. In fact, Arsenal are still turning over major profits, unlike many of their Premier League counterparts. And the point is that Arsenal are still competing this season without having to spend as much money as other title contenders, and what's more they are right now in a position to contend for years to come, yet if the United, Liverpool, or Chelsea owners pulled out, they would be in major financial worry, which could drastically affect their staying power at the top of the English game.

Another factor pointing towards a successful season for the Gunners is their continued youth development. This season young players like Jack Wilshere, Kieran Gibbs, Kyle Bartley, and the much

lorded Aaron Ramsey have all made strides forward, and all look like they could feature more going into next season. This is combined with the already impressive array of young players at the Gunners, with players like Nasri, Song, Diaby, Walcott, Vela and of course their captain Cesc Fabregas all looking to be part of the Arsenal team for years to come. Arsene Wenger's belief in youth is paying off both for this season, and most certainly for the future of the club.

And this season Arsenal have also displayed a great team spirit that is to be commended by their fans. On Wednesday evening the Gunners fans were treated to some of the greatest football ever seen at the Emirates. Passing and movement, pace and skill, agility and aggression were all on display in front of a world television audience. Unfortunately, almost all of the great play was from Arsenal's opposition, Barcelona. The


Gunners were outplayed for almost the whole game, and should have lost easily. And yet, they somehow managed to steal a draw, leaving them still with a chance of getting through to the next round.

After being battered for nearly the whole game, Theo Walcott came on and changed the game. Walcott scored, then Fabregas won a penalty, which he proceeded to convert. And by the way, he scored the penalty with a broken leg. And this sums up the team spirit at the club. Even though they were proverbially 'outgunned' Arsenal did not quit, and they got an okay result. Any person watching Arsenal can see how well respected Fabregas is as a captain, and he has introduced a desire to win into the heart of the Gunners, whilst still seemingly enjoying playing football.

The bad news for Arsenal is that Fabregas is out injured for the rest of the season, but this does point to another reason why this season has been a success, as Arsenal have had more injury problems than United or Chelsea, with their main striker Van Persie out for months, as well as injuries to Gallas, Fabregas, and of course the devastating leg break of Aaron Ramsey. Yet the Gunners have found a way to compete.

However, with that all being said, life at the top end of English football is all about winning trophies. Like it or not, Arsenal fans have to concede that they have not won anything for years, and that is simply not good enough. Plaudits from fans and pundits around the world are nice, yet when the season ends without anything to celebrate it all seems a little hollow.

And ultimately, if the Gunners do fail to win the Premiership or the Champions League, it will be the Arsenal fans who decided if they are happy with the season or not. Is it simply enough to play some of the most attractive football that England has seen, or should the fans be crying out for some silverware? The coming weeks in the Premier and Champions League could tell us all we need to know about Arsene Wenger's and his North London youngsters.



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* ALL TIMES ARE AEDT

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SPORTS

Monday 5th April
12:30am SPL Kilmarnock vs Aberdeen LIVE
2:30am Ligue 1 Montpellier vs Monaco
5am Ligue 1 Auxerre vs PSG LIVE
7am Bundesliga Wolfsburg vs Hoffenheim
8:45am Bundesliga Hamburg vs Hannover
10:30am Russian Premier League Lokomotiv Moscow vs Dynamo Moscow
4pm Ligue 1 Marseille vs Lens

Tuesday 6th April
4:30am SPL St Johnstone vs Dundee Utd LIVE
10:45am Setanta Sports Cup Semi Final Bohemians vs Linfield

Thursday 8th April
4:40am SPL Rangers vs Aberdeen LIVE
10:45am Copa Libertadores Flamengo vs Universidad de Chile LIVE

Saturday 10th April
4:30am Bundesliga Monchengladbach vs Frankfurt LIVE
9:10pm Scottish FA Cup Semi Final Celtic vs Ross County LIVE


Sunday 11th April
1am FA Cup Semi Final Aston Villa vs Chelsea LIVE
5am Ligue 1 PSG vs Bordeaux LIVE
7:15am J-League FC Tokyo vs Kashima Antlers
9am Bundesliga Bayer Leverkusen vs Bayern Munich
3:15pm Serie A Napoli vs Parma
8:30pm Eredivisie PSV vs Feyenoord LIVE
10:45pm Russian Premier League Spartak Moscow vs Terek

12:30am FA Cup Semi Final Tottenham vs Portsmouth LIVE
5am Serie A Sampdoria vs Genoa LIVE
7am Scottish FA Cup Semi Final Dundee Utd vs Raith Rovers
9:15am SPL Aberdeen vs St Johnstone
11am Bundesliga Bochum vs Hamburg
4pm Eredivisie FC Twente vs Heerenveen

Tuesday 13th April
3:45am Ligue 1 Lyon vs Lille
7:15am Bundesliga Nuremberg vs Wolfsburg
9am Russian Premier League Zenit St Petersburg vs Lokomotiv Moscow
10:45am Ligue 1 Marseille vs Nice

Wednesday 14th April
1:45am Ligue 1 Lorient vs Rennes
4:40am SPL Celtic vs Motherwell LIVE
7am Portuguese Liga Benfica vs Sporting Lisbon
8:45am Coppa Italia Semi Final Fiorentina vs Internazionale
11am Eredivisie AZ Alkmaar vs FC Twente

Thursday 15th April
4:40am SPL Dundee Utd vs Rangers LIVE
10:45am Copa Libertadores Universidad Catolica vs Flamengo LIVE




Monday 5th Apr
5:30 pm FIFA Futbol Mundial

Wednesday 7th Apr
4:30 am UEFA Champions League Quarter Final 2nd Leg Barcelona v Arsenal (Live) SBS One
7:00 am UEFA Champions League Quarter Final 2nd Leg CSKA Moscow v Inter Milan (Delayed) SBS One
8:35 pm UEFA Champions League Quarter Final 2nd Leg Barcelona v Arsenal (Replay) SBS Two
10:05 pm UEFA Champions League Quarter Final 2nd Leg. CSKA Moscow v Inter Milan. (Replay) SBS Two

Thursday 8th Apr
4:30 am UEFA Champions League Quarter Final 2nd Leg Bordeaux v Lyon (Live) SBS One
7:00 am UEFA Champions League Quarter Final 2nd Leg Manchester Utd v Bayern Munich (Delayed) SBS One


Friday 9th Apr
4:45 am UEFA Europa League Liverpool v Benfica (Live) SBS One
7:00 am UEFA Europa League Teams TBA (Delayed) SBS One
7:30 pm UEFA Champions League Hour SBS Two
8:30 pm UEFA Europa League Liverpool v Benfica (Replay) SBS Two

Sunday 11th Apr
3:00 pm UEFA Europa League Highlights SBS One
3:30 pm UEFA Champions League Magazine Program SBS One
4:00 pm UEFA Champions League SBS One
5:00 pm The World Game SBS One
7:30 pm The World Game SBS Two



WEEK 35
Sat Apr 10 West Ham v Sunderland 11.55 pm (Fox 3)
Sat Apr 10 Hull v Burnley 11.55 pm (Fox 2)
Sun Apr 11 Wolves v Stoke 8.55 pm (Fox 3)
Sun Apr 11 Blackburn v Manchester United 10.25 pm (Fox 1)
Sun Apr 11 Liverpool v Fulham 11.55 pm (Fox 3)
Mon Apr 12 Manchester City v Birmingham 12.55 am (Fox 1)
Tues Apr 14 Chelsea v Bolton 4.55 am (Fox 2)
Wed Apr 15 Aston Villa v Everton 4.40 am (Fox 1)
Wed Apr 15 Tottenham v Arsenal 4.55 am (Fox 3)

* Games not being shown are Wigan v Portsmouth and Fulham v Stoke (both being played on Thursday 15 April)




Monday 5th April
10:30 pm World Football News
11:30 pm Bundesliga Weekly Highlights

Tuesday 6th April
04:30 am Bundesliga Weekly Highlights (Rpt)
05:15 am The Serie A Highlights Show

Wednesday 7th April
07:00 am Bundesliga Matchday 29 - Schalke V Bayern Munich

Thursday 8th April
07:00 am Serie A Matchday 32 - Teams TBA



The Futbol Town Show
Every Monday 7pm

Extra Time Magazine Show
Every Wednesday 8pm

The Green Gully Football Show
Every Saturday 10.30am

THE WORLD GAME ON A LOCAL LEVEL



NEW SOUTH WALES

BONDI JUNCTION, RAIL BOOKSTALL BONDI JUNCTION, SHOP 2, 93 GROSVENOR ST
BONDI JUNCTION, BONDI JUNCTION RAILWAY NEWS-AGENCY, GRAFTON ST
BONDI JUNCTION, BONDI JUNCTION NEWSAGENCY, 201 OXFORD ST
BONDI JUNCTION, EASTGATE NEWSAGENCY, 71-91 SPRING ST
CHATSWOOD, CHAT’S NEWSAGENCY, 569 PACIFIC HWY
CHATSWOOD, CHATSWOOD NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 249, 813 PACIFIC H’WAY CNR HELP ST
CHATSWOOD, CHATSWOOD WESTFIELD NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 229-230 WESTFIELD S/TOWN, SPRING ST
HORNSBY , NORTHGATE NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 1066 WESTFIELD S/TOWN
HORNSBY, CORONATION STREET NEWSAGENCY, 16 CORONATION ST
HORNSBY, HORNSBY MALL NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 1 33 FLORENCE ST
HORNSBY HEIGHTS, HORNSBY HEIGHTS NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 4, 110 GALSTON RD
HORNSBY, TO’S NEWSAGENCY HORNSBY WESTFIELD SHOPPINGTOWN, SHOP 1, 33 FLORENCE ST
BURWOOD, TOMKINS & GODWIN NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 2A, 16-22 BURWOOD RD
BURWOOD, BURWOOD NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 7, MURRAY ARCADE, 127-133 BURWOOD RD
PARRAMATTA, DALLAS NEWSAGENCY, THE CONNECTION ARCADE, SHOP 6, 162-172 CHURCH ST
PARRAMATTA, PARRAMATTA CBD NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 16 MAYFAIR MALL, 272 CHURCH ST
PARRAMATTA, SHOP 2 NEW EASTERN SUBWAY, ARGYLE ST
NORTH ROCKS, GOODNEWS NEWSAGENCY, RAMP ON 328-335 NORTH ROCKS RD
NORTH ROCKS, NORTH ROCKS NEWSAGENCY, 312B NORTH ROCKS RD
LIVERPOOL, ELIZABETH DR NEWSAGENCY, UNIT 4 / 1 WOODLANDS RD
LIVERPOOL, LIVERPOOL PLAZA NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 27 LIVERPOOL PLAZA,NORTHUMBERLAND ST
LIVERPOOL, THAI L & V NEWSAGENCY, 64 MOORE ST
HURSTVILLE, FOREST ROAD NEWSAGENCY, 308 FOREST RD
HURSTVILLE, ORMONDE NEWSAGENCY HURSTVILLE, SHOP 4, 14-16 ORMONDE PARADE
HURSTVILLE , NORTH HURSTVILLE NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 4 LEADER BUILDING CNR.FOREST & PARK RD, 182 FOREST RD
MIRANDA , MIRANDA NEWSAGENCY, 88 KIORA RD
MIRANDA, STH MIRANDA NEWSAGENCY, 94A KIORA RD
TUGGERAH, SHOP 1082 WESTFIELD SHOP/TN, COBBS RD
KOTARA, SHOP 133 GARDEN CITY SHOPP CTR, CNR PARK AVE & NORTHCOTT DR
WARRAWONG, SHOP 4, 72-74 KING ST
WARRAWONG, SHOP 39 - 40 WESTFIELD, WESTFIELD SHOPPINGTOWN
WARRAWONG, WARRAWONG NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 1, 145 KING ST
FIGTREE, FIGTREE NEWSAGENCY - SHOP 1, 5 BELLEVUE RD
FIGTREE, FIGTREE NEWSAGENCY - SHOPS 29-30, WEST-FIELD S/CTR THE AVE

ALBURY, SHOP 4, 557 DEAN ST
COROWA , 65 SANGER ST
WAGGA WAGGA, FERNLEIGH RD
BERRIGAN, 26 CHANTER ST
PENRITH, SCHUBACH’S NEWSAGENCY, 495 HIGH ST
PENRITH, SOUTH PENRITH NEWSAGENCY & PO, 157 SMITH ST
PENRITH, MARKETLAND NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 1, 7 CALLOOLA AVE
PENRITH, SOUTHLANDS NEWSAGENCY, 157 SMITH ST
PENRITH, PENRITH PLAZA NEWSAGENCY, WOOLWORTHS ENT VIA JANE ST
MOUNT DRUITT, RJ & JP MITCHELL NEWSAGENCY, 2 MOUNT DRUIT RD
MOUNT DRUITT, MOUNT DRUITT NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 16 WESTFIELD SHOPPINGTOWN, NORTH PARADE
BROKEN HILL, LAWRENCE NEWSAGENCY, 121 OXIDE ST
BROKEN HILL, WESTSIDE NEWSAGENCY, GALENA ST

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ROBERTS CANBERRA CITY NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 6, CTRPOINT CITY WALK, CANBERRA
NEWSLINK NEWSAGENTS, 2 MORT ST, CANBERRA
CHUA, SHOP 2 CANBERRA ARCADE, WEST ROW, CANBERRA
HUNT NEWSAGENTS, 74 ALINGA ST, CIVIC CTR, CANBERRA
CONVENTION CENTRE NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 1, 33 ALLARA ST, CANBERRA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

VICTORIA SQ ARCADE, ADELAIDE
SHOP G11, 44-60 RUNDLE MALL, ADELAIDE
93 O’CONNELL ST, NORTH ADELAIDE
11-12 MALL 1 WEST LAKES MALL, WEST LAKES
SHOP 7, 190 FINDON RD, FINDON
CASTLE PLAZA S/C SHOP 56, SOUTH RD, EDWARDSTOWN
46 JETTY RD, GLENELG
150 GLEN OSMOND RD, FULLARTON
SHOP 22/23 TEA TREE PLAZA S/C, 976 NORTH EAST RD, MODBURY
SOUTH MALL, ELIZABETH SHOPPING CTR, ELIZABETH

WEST AUSTRALIA

NOARLUNGA CENTRE, SHOP 14-15 COLONNADES S/CENTRE, BEACH RD
PERTH, CLOISTERS NEWSAGENCY, SHOPS 7-8 / 865 HAY ST
HILLARYS, WHITFORD CITY NEWSAGENY, SHOP 46, WHITFORD CITY S/CTR
JOONDALUP, LAKESIDE NEWSAGENCY, SH 71 LAKESIDE SHOPPING CTR
BOORAGOON, GARDEN CITY NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 65/125 RISELEY ST

TASMANIA

Ellison Hawker Newsagency, TAS
Angus & Robertson, TAS
Elizabeth Mall Newsagency, TAS

QUEENSLAND

WHITEHEATHER NEWS, 131 GEORGE ST, BRISBANE
CITY NEWS, CNR EAGLE & CHARLOTTE STS, AMP BUILDING, BRISBANE
MARA NEWS, SHOP 2, CREST INT HOTEL, ROMA ST, BRISBANE
SUNCORP CENTRE NEWS, SUNCORP METWAY PLAZA, ALBERT ST, BRISBANE
NEWSXPRESS CITY PLAZA , GPO NEWS, CREEK ST, BRISBANE
LUCKY GOLDEN GOOSE NEWS, 140 ADELAIDE ST, BRISBANE
LUCKY GOLDMINE N/A, ADELAIDE ST & CNR EDWARD ST, BRISBANE
GEORGE ST NEWS, 370 GEORGE ST, BRISBANE
CITY MALL NEWS, QUEEN ST MALL, BRISBANE
PERRY HOUSE NEWS, CNR ALBERT & ELIZABETH STS, BRISBANE
WINTERGARDEN NEWS, SHOP 166 WINTERGARDEN CENTRE, QUEEN ST MALL ELIZABETH ST ENT, BRISBANE, CENTRAL STATION SUPA, CENTRAL STATION CONCOURSE , ANN ST, BRISBANE
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LUCKY CHINAMAN NEWS, 380 QUEEN ST, BRISBANE
MIDAS CASKET AGENCY, THE FOYER, 363 ADELAIDE ST, BRISBANE
TRANSIT CENTRE NEWS, 3RD LEVEL BRISBANE TRANSIT CNT, ROMA ST, BRISBANE
EAGLE STREET NEWS, GROUND FLOOR, 70 EAGLE ST, BRISBANE
POST OFFICE SQUARE NEWS, POST OFFICE SQUARE, QUEEN ST, BRISBANE
TERRACE NEWS, 149 WICKHAM TCE, BRISBANE
MARY STREET NEWS, 100 EDWARD ST, BRISBANE
PAPERMAN SUPANEWS, MYER CENTRE QUEEN ST, BRISBANE
TERRICA PLACE NEWS, AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT CENTRE, 140 CREEK ST, BRISBANE
MYER CENTRE SUPANEWS, LEVEL E, MYER CENTRE, QUEEN ST, BRISBANE
BROADWAY SUPA NEWS, LG12 BRDWAY ON THE MALL, QUEEN ST, BRISBANE
CIVIC ARCADE N/A, SHOP 1, CIVIC ARCADE, 65 ADELAIDE ST, BRISBANE
ALBERT STREET NEWS, 80 ALBERT ST, BRISBANE
MINERAL HOUSE NEWS, 41 GEORGE ST, BRISBANE
GPO NEWS, 40 CREEK ST, BRISBANE
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PREVIOUS CLUBS: St Albans, Melbourne Knights, Green Gully, Adelaide City, Adelaide Raiders, South Melbourne, Selangor (Malaysia), Perth Glory
REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS: WA State Team
CHILDHOOD FOOTBALL HERO: Enzo Scifo, Dennis Bergkamp
FAVOURITE O/S PLAYER: Cesc Fabregas and Arsenal as a team. Always enjoyable to watch
FAVOURITE HAL PLAYER: Andy Todd (Perth Glory)
FAVOURITE FORMER SOCCEROO: Mark Viduka
FAVOURITE CURRENT SOCCEROO: Tim Cahill
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A PLAYER: 94/95 NSL Grand Final — Knights vs Adelaide City
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A FAN: 1998 World Cup Qualifier. Australia vs Iran. Memorable because it was the most painful I've experienced.
MOST MEMORABLE GOAL YOU'VE SCORED: 03/04 NSL — South Melbourne vs Adelaide Utd 2-1. I scored both goals. For a defender it was very memorable.
EARLIEST FOOTBALL MEMORY: Playing junior football for St Albans Dinamo at Churchill Reserve. Watching Melbourne Croatia in the old Victorian State League.
FUNNIEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Not really moments, but some funny characters among the teams I've played in that make training and playing all the more enjoyable and memorable. (Special mention to Zoran Markovski)
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Would've loved to have represented Australia but never had the chance. I hope all players that do, realise what a privilege it is.
WORST INJURY: Osteitis Pubis
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Paul Trimboli was always a handful.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium (which became my home ground for 3 years)
SUPERSTITIONS: None
TYPICAL MATCH DAY MEAL: Chicken Schnitzel and Salad
WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS: Reading the game, Decision Making
WHAT ARE YOUR WEAKNESSES: Lack of speed I've been told!
FAVOURITE TEAM WHEN GROWING UP: VPL — St Albans and NSL — Melbourne Knights
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, Basketball
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTSPERSON: Roger Federer
FAVOURITE FOODS: Pizza & Chocolate
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Will Ferrell & Sandra Bullock
HOBBIES: Football and other sports, movies, the beach in summer (especially in Perth)
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Langkawi, Malaysia
FAVOURITE NIGHTSPOT: Subiaco in Perth, Riva in Melbourne
IDEAL DATE: Dinner and movie
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Seinfeld, Survivor
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Anything most of the time, but love a good 80's track
FAVOURITE FILM: Any Will Ferrell movie
LAST SOCCER SHIRT YOU BOUGHT: Arsenal Home strip
FUNNIEST RUMOUR YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT YOURSELF: Not all that funny, but there have always been transfer rumours over the years. Even now the rumours still pop up.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My Father and most coaches I've had
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Dominating games, but still losing. But that's also the beauty of football.
FOOTBALL AMBITION: Present: Successfully combining coaching and playing with Floreat Athena by winning a WAPL championship. Future: Moving into full-time coaching.
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?: Bill Gates. To see if I can get a piece of his Microsoft Empire.
YOUR TIP FOR THIS YEAR'S WORLD CUP: Spain to claim their first World Cup



Ante Kovacevic

Floreat Athena FC

PHOTO: BRETT KLUCZNIK

LET THE STATE LEAGUE BATTLE BEGIN



FC Clifton Hill's new recruit Alex Kiratzoglou joins from Melbourne Knights. PHOTO: STEVE STAREK

THE wait is now over as Victoria's State One competition kicks off this weekend and two clubs will stand tall at season's end having gained entry to the highest club level in the State.

Two of the biggest signings so far are Tony Sterjovski (to Preston Lions) and Rudi Saglam (to Fawkner), both lethal left footers who will add class to what already is shaping as a very competitive competition.

Preston Lions and Whittlesea Zebras join in the State One fun after being relegated from the Victorian Premier League last season while Malvern City and North Geelong step up a league after winning their respective State Two titles in 2009.

Preston welcome back Tony Sterjovski to BT Connor Reserve after a successful stint with Hume City. Sterjovski is sure to add extra firepower on the left and should trouble even the most experienced of defenders. The club has retained the services of coach Zeljko Gagula and will be aiming for a quick return to VPL ranks. With youngsters such as Robert Najdovski, Bale Micovski and David Jovanovski slotting in with Sterjovski and fellow midfielder Blaze Georgievski the Lions are expected to have a very strong season.

But they will find last season's hard luck story, **St Albans**, more than a handful in the promotion chase.

The Churchill Reserve outfit was denied the chance to return to the VPL last year due to a nine-point deduction as a result of an after-match riot against Frankston Pines in the first half of the season. Even then they just missed out on promotion and had the nine points been reinstated they would have easily won the championship.

And this season they will start with a three-point deduction so they know that they have the task ahead of them.

In their favour though is the stability of their squad with only one player, Stjepan Gal, departing. The experience of George Abatzidis, brothers Metin and Mustafa Albeyi (the latter recently switched from rival State One outfit Fawkner), and a proven strike force of Tomi Dragicevic, Damien Morrel, Adam Razov, Josip Loncaric and Mark Paleka, the boys from the west will be looking to head back to the VPL this season.

After winning the State Two South-East title last season, **Malvern City** are relishing the challenge of State One football this season. The club parted company with coach John Kennedy during the off-season with Pat Liapis taking over the reigns.

"We have a good young squad and a couple of experienced players and we need to establish ourselves in State One now," Liapis told Goal! Weekly.

A change in venue this season sees Malvern head across to Kingston

Heath Reserve, home of VPL club Bentleigh Greens.

Goalkeeper Michael Sivulja has signed from Southern Stars and is one of many new faces down at Kooyong Park while other new signings include Vinnie Bontemps (Southern Stars), Andy Jerez (Bentleigh) and Nick Stamatiou (Kingston). The club expects big things of Tas Psonis and Alan Pratt while young defender Nick Katsamboukas is sure to be a rock at the back.

North Geelong Warriors also will be a force to be reckoned with this year as Vinko Buljubasic and his crew aim to shake up the league after a successful stint in State Two North-West last year.

Milan Batur, Reardo Luka, Daniel Dragicevic, Damien Morrel, Adam Zilic and Ante Deak have all been added to the Warriors' list for the coming season. Marko Kuna will look to carry on his excellent form from last season as will striker Matthew Demo.

Demo, who was signed by Melbourne Victory youth team last season after scoring 11 goals for the Warriors' seniors as a 17-year-old, spoke to Goal! Weekly about his side's chances this season.

"The team's looking very promising for this season," he said. "We have a strong young squad but also have experienced players such as Adrian Cervinski, Mijo Trupkovic and the returning Ante Deak."

"I reckon we'll be a threat this season and we've already shown that in pre-season being undefeated in all of our practice matches."

Springvale White Eagles have recruited well over the off-season with a view to finally move away from the relegation zone which has been the hallmark of recent campaigns.

White Eagles have signed nine new players and coach Zed Mihajlovic returns for another season at the helm. Captain Tome Racunica is set for a big season as is youngster Dejan Erakovic who returns to the squad after a year off.

Whittlesea Zebras will be keen to rebound this season under new coach Gianfranco Impellizzeri. There's a distinct Weribee feel to the Zebras line-up as Impellizzeri has signed former Bees' keeper Robbie Santilli and striker Martin Collins.

A whole new squad will take the field for the Zebras this year with some experienced names among them. Arthur Tsonis, Ralph Napoli and Dragi Nestevski have all signed as has Dmytro Koltsov, a relatively unknown name in Victorian football but from all reports a player who can really shake up this league. Add gun youngsters Nicholas Kalambois and Nick Sarbin and you'll understand why the Zebras expect to be more than competitive this year.

Fellow Northern Suburbs side **Fawkner Blues**, a club whose fu-

ture was uncertain only a couple of months ago, are looking ahead to a strong season. Having added experienced players such as Ray Lally (Cork City, Ireland) and Frank Catalano as well as the Kara brothers (Ori and Ozan), the club has also secured the exciting additions of young gun Jason Dolevski (Preston Lions) and ex-VIS star Rudi Saglam (Heidelberg United) while Nejdet Sahin has been promoted from the under-21 squad after a brilliant pre-season.

The club has had some strong pre-season results, mainly thanks to marksman Robert Dolevski whose form has been outstanding. Dolevski is itching for the season to start: "Three months ago we didn't know where the club was heading," he said. "But we have had a good pre-season and recruited well. Ken Murphy is one of the best coaches in the business and with him and 'Guus' (assistant coach Savas Saglam) my game has improved a lot."

Lorenz Kindtner is the gaffer at **Western Suburbs** for 2010. Kindtner will be looking to improve on the club's 8th-placed finish last season and will be helped along by some healthy signings. Two of the bigger names to be attracted to the Suburbs are Lennie Catalano and Edemar Garcia, players with the ability to turn a game on its head. Bill Sianidis will again ably lead the front line while Nikola Raoma once again fronts up and is expected to

have another strong season.

Clifton Hill have secured the services of former Whittlesea Zebras coach Ivan Jolic. The former NSL star with Melbourne Knights took charge over the summer and has wasted no time in assembling a squad that is more than capable of a strong showing. Only seven players remain from last season's squad with Jolic adding Robby Wynne, Tass Papadopoulos, Andrea Lombardo, Ante Raspudic and Alex Kiratzoglou just to name a few. Kiratzoglou is no stranger to top-level football and will be looking to help guide his side into VPL ranks in no time. Captain Sam Tyrikos is expected to lead the way for Clifton Hill and with a bit of luck on their side, Kevin Bartlett Reserve may be the scene of some big things this season.

Gus Macleod kicks off his 12th straight season at **Langwarrin** and there is a quiet air of confidence down Lawton Park way.

There's more mobility than ever in the squad and gun scorer Caleb Nicholes will this season be supported by Matt Durand who already has won the supporters over with some impressive pre-season displays. Chris Driver, signed from Southern Stars, and Ray Markley (from Heidelberg United) will run the show in midfield while the pace and experience of Chris Quinn will once again see him emerge as the side's defensive linchpin.

Former Clifton Hill coach George Karkaletsis has taken the reigns at Pascoe Vale this year following the departure of David Clarkson. Karkaletsis has added seven players to his squad while axing four. Karkaletsis will expect big things from ex-Fawkner star Jason Principato and there's a whisper doing the rounds that the Vales are outside candidates for promotion.

Last but by no means least come **Bulleen Lions**. Of all the clubs in State One, no-one is better placed off the field to compete in the VPL. A superb facility at the Veneto Club complete with state-of-the-art synthetic pitch will this season be complemented by a fit, quick and skilful squad highlighted by the signing of experienced Anthony Magnacca, winner of the 2005 Gold Medal award as the best player in the VPL.

Bulleen is widely regarded as a genuine promotion candidate and you can expect the Italian-backed club to be right in the firing line when it counts.

All in all season 2010 should be a cracker. There's not a lot to choose between most sides in the league and the evenness of the competition is expected to make for a bumper State One season.



St Albans Josip Loncaric will be hoping to erase last season's memories. PHOTO: STEVE STAREK

STATE ONE SENIOR SQUADS 2010



Bulleen Lions
Finished last season: 4th
Coach: Alfredo Costantino
Captain: Damien Guglielmi

Ins: Anthony Magnacca, Gino De Feo, Dusan Bosnjak, Sebastian Barrero, Michael Santoro, Adrian Del Monaco, Daniel Miller
Outs: Matthew Leckie, Adilson De Melo, Michael Mazzini, George Potter, Laurence Gogorossis, John Cvetkovski

Players to watch: Anthony Magnacca, Mathew Dimech
Club ground: Veneto Social Club
Squad: Patrick Ndongo, Luke Cardamone, John Crivelli, Keegan Coulter, Adrian Del Monaco, Anthony Magnacca, Mathew Dimech, James Gogas, Gino De Feo, Damien Guglielmi, Dusan Bosnjak, Kristian Kostantinidis, Sebastian Barrero, Tim Mala, Martin Mason, Daniel Miller, Anthony Ramzy, Michael Santoro, Dean Tartaglia, Harris Vrbovac



FC Clifton Hill
Finished last season: 9th
Coach: Ivan Jolic
Captain: Sam Tyrikos

Ins: Robby Wynne, Tass Papadopoulos, Julian Cassano, Andrea Lombardo, Antoni Pecora, James Karanicolas, Jose Portillo, Nick Davey, Ashley Cattermole, Richard Homer, Ante Raspudic, Jimmy Triantopoulos, Sam Habib, Silas Bura, Alex Kiratzoglou

Outs: Andrew Watkins, Miguel Barrigos, Sam Grasso, Chris Pope, Fikret Husanovic, James Kalafatidis, Cam Simsek, Patty Grigg, Abraham Staikouras, Daniel Molina

Player to watch: Alex Kiratzoglou
Club ground: Kevin Bartlett Reserve

Squad: Sam Tyrikos, Peter Katris, Frank Drakopoulos, Victor Pattito, Theo Papoutsis, Steve Mancheski, Milan Sajkic, Robby Wynne, Tass Papadopoulos, Julian Cassano, Andrea Lombardo, Antoni Pecora, James Karanicolas, Jose Portillo, Nick Davey, Ashley Cattermole, Richard Homer, Ante Raspudic, Jimmy Triantopoulos, Sam Habib, Silas Bura, Alex Kiratzoglou



Fawkner Blues
Finished last season: 4th
Coach: Ken Murphy
Captain: Frank Tramountana
Ins: Frank Catalano,

Ins: Robby Wynne, Tass Papadopoulos, Julian Cassano, Andrea Lombardo, Antoni Pecora, James Karanicolas, Jose Portillo, Nick Davey, Ashley Cattermole, Richard Homer, Ante Raspudic, Jimmy Triantopoulos, Sam Habib, Silas Bura, Alex Kiratzoglou

Outs: Andrew Watkins, Miguel Barrigos, Sam Grasso, Chris Pope, Fikret Husanovic, James Kalafatidis, Cam Simsek, Patty Grigg, Abraham Staikouras, Daniel Molina

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Langwarrin
Finished last season: 7th
Coach: Guus Macleod

Captain: Chris Jones
Ins: Danny Black (Richmond), Joe Donaghy (Peninsula Strikers), Chris Driver (Southern Stars), Matt Durand (Noble Park), Joe Harris

Ins: Robby Wynne, Tass Papadopoulos, Julian Cassano, Andrea Lombardo, Antoni Pecora, James Karanicolas, Jose Portillo, Nick Davey, Ashley Cattermole, Richard Homer, Ante Raspudic, Jimmy Triantopoulos, Sam Habib, Silas Bura, Alex Kiratzoglou

Outs: Andrew Watkins, Miguel Barrigos, Sam Grasso, Chris Pope, Fikret Husanovic, James Kalafatidis, Cam Simsek, Patty Grigg, Abraham Staikouras, Daniel Molina

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Malvern City
Finished last season: 1st State Two South-East
Coach: Pat Liapis
Captain: To be named

this week at jumper presentation
Ins: Too many to list
Outs: Too many to list
Players to watch: Alan Pratt, Tas Psonis
Club ground: Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Squad: Michael Sivulja, Kamil Broztek, Nicholas Katsamboukas, Angelo Varvaras, Juan Sastre, Paul

Ins: Robby Wynne, Tass Papadopoulos, Julian Cassano, Andrea Lombardo, Antoni Pecora, James Karanicolas, Jose Portillo, Nick Davey, Ashley Cattermole, Richard Homer, Ante Raspudic, Jimmy Triantopoulos, Sam Habib, Silas Bura, Alex Kiratzoglou

Outs: Andrew Watkins, Miguel Barrigos, Sam Grasso, Chris Pope, Fikret Husanovic, James Kalafatidis, Cam Simsek, Patty Grigg, Abraham Staikouras, Daniel Molina

Player to watch: Alex Kiratzoglou
Club ground: Kevin Bartlett Reserve

Squad: Sam Tyrikos, Peter Katris, Frank Drakopoulos, Victor Pattito, Theo Papoutsis, Steve Mancheski, Milan Sajkic, Robby Wynne, Tass Papadopoulos, Julian Cassano, Andrea Lombardo, Antoni Pecora, James Karanicolas, Jose Portillo, Nick Davey, Ashley Cattermole, Richard Homer, Ante Raspudic, Jimmy Triantopoulos, Sam Habib, Silas Bura, Alex Kiratzoglou

Ins: Robby Wynne, Tass Papadopoulos, Julian Cassano, Andrea Lombardo, Antoni Pecora, James Karanicolas, Jose Portillo, Nick Davey, Ashley Cattermole, Richard Homer, Ante Raspudic, Jimmy Triantopoulos, Sam Habib, Silas Bura, Alex Kiratzoglou



North Geelong
Finished last season: 1st State Two North-West
Coach: Vinko Buljubasic

Captain: Mijo Trupkovic
Ins: Milan Batur, Reardo Luka, Daniel Dragicevic, Damien Morrel, Adam Zilic, Ante Deak
Outs: Grgo Saric, Chris Tabak, Anthony Tabak
Player to watch: Marko Kuna
Club ground: Elcho Park
Squad: Daniel Zilic, Tom Dunn, John Patti, Stephen Arthey, Jonathan Davey, Milan Batur, Adam Zilic, Zelimir Vranjic, Aaron D'Antino, Reardo Luka, Adrian Cervinski, Mijo Trupkovic, Ante Deak, Damien Morrel, Marko Kuna, Daniel Dragicevic, Matthew Demo, Robert Zadworny



Pascoe Vale
Finished last season: 6th
Coach: George Karkaletsis
Captain: Rocky Di Vitto

Ins: Liam Flynn, Jason Principato, Daniel Webb, Jane Cocovski, Adrian Talarico, Patrick Brown, Federico Cugia

Outs: Bobby Gorcevski, Bobby Lajonica, Daniel Eskander, Robert Bazzano

Player to watch: Jason Principato
Club ground: Hosken Reserve
Squad: Wesley Coles, Jane Cocovski, Liam Flynn, Evan Karavitis, Daniel Webb, Vitale Ferrante, Patrick Brown, Jason Principato, Daniel Tribuzio, Luca Santilli, Frank Seratore, Adrian Talarico, Marco Santilli, Marco Tolli, Rocky Di Vitto, Zlate Matlioski, Sash Becvinovski, John Adam Sansone, Steven Tribuzio, Federico Cugia



Preston Lions
Finished last season: 12th VPL
Coach: Zeljko Gagula
Captain: TBA
Ins: Tony Sterjovski, Steven Jovanovski, Matthew Wilkinson, Hamid Kamali, Mirzet Skenderovic

Outs: Aleksandar Stojanovski, Christopher Jones, Thomas Toleviski, Ivan Filipovic, Jason Dolevski

Players to watch: Tony Sterjovski, Blaze Geogievski, Damir Salcin

Club ground: B.T. Connor Reserve
Squad: 1. Hamid Kamali, 4. Marko Lazarevic, 5. Steven Jovanovski, 6. Matthew Wilkinson, 7. Bale Micovski, 8. Andrew Branov, 9. Martin Hana, 10. Blaze Geogievski, 11. Tony Sterjovski, 12. Michael Miskas, 13. Robert Najdovski, 14. Kliment Cocovski, 16. Damir Salcin, 17. Vladimir Kostadinovski, 18. Mirzet Skenderovic, 23. Igorce Kolevski, 28. Bojan Tenovski, 29. David Jovanovski



St Albans Saints Dinamo
Finished last season: 3rd
Coach: Kruni Razov
Captain: Maks Cuze

Ins: Steven Pavlic, Stefan Jesensek, Mustafa Alibeyi
Outs: Stjepan Gal
Player to watch: Marijan Cvitkovic
Club ground: Churchill Reserve
Squad: Steven Pavlic, Chris Hill, Adam Mehicic, Joe Suric, Alan Paleka, Brian Chesson, Maks Cuze, Ivo Razov, Metin Albeyi, George Abatzidis, Marijan Cvitkovic, Stefan

Jesensek, Mustafa Alibeyi, Tomi Razov, Josip Loncaric, Mark Paleka



Springvale White Eagles
Finished last season: 10th
Coach: Zlatko (Zed) Mihajlovic

Captain: Tome Racunica
Ins: Nikola Veljovic (Knox City), Dushan Nikolic (Williamstown), Rados Tomic (Langwarrin), Gojko Ponjevic (Noble Park United), Lewis Karanicolas (South Springvale), Zlatko Mihajlovic (Berwick Kings), Slaven Vranesevic (South Melbourne), Sasa Gudelj (Noble Park United) and Radomir Sekulovski, Igor Stojanac and Dejan Erakovic returning to the squad after a year off

Outs: Jason Corbett, Miroslav Karac, James Karanicolas, Stuart Macdonald, Declan Mahon, Colm O'Toole, Vedran Tanasic, Simon Webster, Colin Woods
Players to watch: Tome Racunica, Dejan Erakovic
Club ground: White Eagles Stadium (Serbian Sports Centre)
Squad: Stevan Preradovic, Grujo Mrdic, Nikola Veljovic, Gojko Ponjevic, Dushan Nikolic, Goran Mrdic, Kruno Stanisic, Paul Maghiar, Rados Tomic, Zoran

Vukas, Tome Racunica, Radomir Sekulovski, Zlatko Mihajlovic, Lewis Karanicolas, Dominic D'Angelo, Mladen Tosic, Nenad Pavasovic, Dejan Erakovic, Igor Stojanac, Slaven Vranesevic, Sasa Gudelj



Western Suburbs
Finished last season: 8th
Coach: Lorenz Kindtner
Captain: TBA

Ins: Miguel Barrigos, Lennie Catalano, Jason Corbett, Edemar Garcia, Declan Mahon, Philippe McKennie, Yaw Otuo-Acheampong, Charlie Treacy, Colin Woods

Outs: Milan Batur, Marijo Bosnjak, Ryan Filipovic, Germaine Batono, Cliff Henry, Vlado Juric, Chris Reid, Robert Santilli, Arthur Tsonis, Jose Vasquez, Mathew Wilkinson, Adrian Zahra
Player to watch: Philippe McKennie
Club ground: Ralph Reserve
Squad: Adam Adamidis, Miguel Barrigos, Lennie Catalano, Jason Corbett, Edemar Garcia, Joshua Kamasz, Alex Khrapko, Declan Mahon, Philippe McKennie, Yaw Otuo-Acheampong, Goran Petrovski, Nikola Raoma, Nicholas Scerri, Bill Sianidis, Dale Thompson, Charlie

Treacy, Colin Woods



Whittlesea Zebras
Finished last season: 11th VPL
Coach: Gianfranco Impellizzeri
Captain: Greg Lombardo

Ins: N/A
Outs: N/A
Players to watch: Dmytro Koltsov, Simon Tolli
Club ground: Epping Soccer Stadium
Squad: 1. Robert Santilli, 2. Arthur Tsonis, 3. Ralph Napoli, 4. Simon Symeo, 5. Dragi Nestevski, 6. George Potter, 7. Nicholas Kalambois, 8. Nicholas Sarbin, 9. Martin Collins, 10. Dmytro Koltsov, 11. Tommaso Agnoletto, 12. Giuliano Buzzanca, 13. Robert Bazzano, 14. Baris Sahin, 15. Riccardo Spano, 16. Kojo Brown, 17. George Markellis, 18. Simon Tolli, 19. Michael Mazzarella, 20. Greg Lombardo, 30. Ross Mancuso

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Anthony Colosimo, Adrian Zahra, Mirko Rastocic (Gear Steward).



Bonnyrigg join Blacktown at the summit

By Mike Salter

In a busy Easter schedule in the NSW Premier League, Marconi lost their grip on top spot, losing at home to Sydney United, while Bonnyrigg took the joint lead by defeating the Bankstown City Lions, whose season appears to be heading downhill.

Two goals from the quick Elsid Barkhousir put United in control in the much-anticipated clash at Bossley Park, and Marconi's chances disappeared when ex-Newcastle Jets midfielder Mirjan Pavlovic, who has made an impressive start with the 2009 premiers, notched a third.

Bonnyrigg underlined their title credentials with an emphatic 4-0 victory over Bankstown City at the Serbian Centre. Ex-Sutherland striker Brad Boardman again showed his value with a brace before half-time after Daniel Severino had opened the scoring, and former Leeds United and Central Coast Mariners attacker Jamie McMaster completed the rout in the second period.

Blacktown City, who have looked so impressive in the early rounds, were surprisingly held to a draw by the South Coast Wolves on home turf. Tolgay Ozbey scored just after the hour to cancel out Andrew Paine's earlier goal, but a goal from Ante Deur in the final minute of normal time appeared to have secured the joint leaders another three points. The Illawarra outfit have proved a competitive unit in recent weeks, however, and Tynan Diaz stole forward from right-back to equalise deep into added time.

Defending champions Sutherland bounced back from last week's unfortunate loss to Marconi with a 5-1 thumping of APIA-Leichhardt, who have had an abysmal start to the season. Panny Nikas made his return for Sutherland after his period as a Mariner, while Jim Bakis, still highly effective as a right-winger despite the injury to his partner-in-crime Michael Katz, scored two goals for the hosts.

In Saturday's final game, the West Sydney Berries scored an impressive 3-2 win over Manly United; details of this one can be found below.

The final fixture of the round takes place on Easter Monday, with Sydney Olympic hosting the Rockdale City Suns.

West Sydney Berries 3-2 Manly United

Manly United never recovered from their early lapses against a confident West Sydney Berries, and a late revival from Phil Moss's side couldn't prevent the hosts from taking the three points on

offer.

The visitors actually started quite brightly, with Craig Midgley and Brad Groves both going close within the first three minutes. On six minutes, however, inattention in the Manly backline allowed the Berries to score an impressive set-piece goal. Ryan Jones played a left-wing corner short to Kosta Lagoudakis, and the ex-Olympic midfielder, completely unmarked, sent a powerful angled shot past Brad Swancott from some 20 yards.

More lazy play from the visitors allowed the Berries to go two in front five minutes later. Stefan De Jesus latched onto a loose Manly pass in midfield, and slipped the ball neatly through to Jones on the left; advancing diagonally on goal, the Berries man was tripped by Pascal Julliard. A penalty was instantly and correctly awarded by referee Andrew Best.

Berries striker Dimitri Zakilas took it confidently, and the hosts led 2-0.

Two more excellent chances for the Berries followed, as Manly looked a rudderless side. Ex-Newcastle midfielder Jesse Pinto connected with a clever through-ball in the inside-right channel on 15 minutes, and fired just wide from the edge of the box. A minute later, an excellent deep cross from Ryan Walsh reached Zakilas, but the Berries frontman headed straight at Swancott.

Sensing that his side were losing the thread of the game, Manly coach Phil Moss made a radical substitution, bringing on his star attacker Robbie Cattnach for a defender in Julliard. Manly thereby switched from 3-5-2 to 4-4-2, and the Berries adapted sensibly, drawing Omar Saadi back into defence.

Cattnach was into the action immediately when Midgley slipped the ball through to him on the right on 21 minutes; his shot, however, went straight at Hamish McLean in the Berries goal. Six minutes later, as Manly began to dominate possession, the visitors had a good penalty shout turned down when Cattnach appeared to be impeded in the box following an intricate right-wing move.

The Berries gradually regained the initiative as the half wore on, and on 38 minutes they had another chance to make it three when a free kick from the right evaded the Manly defence and reached David Gardiner five yards from goal; the Berries defender, however, could only stab his shot straight at Swancott. Just before the whistle blew for half-time, there was time for another half-chance for Cattnach when Groves released him on the right. Again, Manly's ring-rusty striker failed to make the most of the opportunity.

The football in the second half was adversely affected by the heavy rain,



NSW action between Blacktown and Bonnyrigg White Eagles. PHOTO: CARLOS FURTADO/Courtesy FNSW

and it wasn't until 71 minutes that another chance arrived; it was, however, exploited ably by Jones. A late tackle from Joey Schirripa gave the Berries a free kick in a promising position, and Jones's dependable left foot sent the ball into the near corner.

Only two minutes later, another set-piece gave the visitors a lifeline. Schirripa's floated ball was headed in by an unmarked Keith Shevlin, and it was

game on once again.

Manly had much the better of the closing stages, with Midgley and Joey Gibbs both going close as the minutes ticked away. Yet when the 90 minutes were up the scoreline still read 3-1 to the Berries, and a late goal by substitute Justin Hayward, taking advantage of some momentary disorganisation in the Berries defence, made no difference to the outcome.

NSW LADDER

	P	W	L	Pts
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	6	4	0	14
Blacktown City FC	6	4	0	14
Marconi Stallions	6	4	1	13
Sydney United	6	3	1	11
Manly United FC	6	2	2	8
Sutherland Sharks	6	2	3	7
West Sydney Berries	6	2	3	7
Rockdale City Suns	5	1	1	6
Bankstown City	6	1	3	5
South Coast Wolves	6	1	3	5
Sydney Olympic	5	1	3	4
APIA Leichhardt Tigers	6	0	5	1

NSW RESULTS

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE: ROUND 6: FIRST GRADE: Bonnyrigg White Eagles 4 (Daniel Severino 28m Bradley Boardman 36/40m Jamie McMaster 79m) Bankstown City Lions 0, West Sydney Berries 3 (Konstandinos Lagoudakis 7m Dimitri Zakilas 13m pen Ryan Jones 88m pen) Manly United FC 2, Marconi Stallions 0 Sydney United 3 (Elsid Barkhousir 40/72m pen Mirjan Pavlovic 82m), Sutherland Sharks 5 (Yianni Fragogiannis 9m Jim Bakis 11/18m Stephen McConalogue 27m Anthony Poppelli 57m) APIA Leichhardt Tigers 1 (Robert Younis 37m), South Coast Wolves 2 (Andrew Paine 59m Tynan Diaz 90m) Blacktown City FC 2 (Tolgay Ozbey 65m Ante Deur 88m).

GRADE 20: Bonnyrigg White Eagles 2 Bankstown City Lions 2, West Sydney Berries 1 Manly United FC 0, Marconi Stallions 0 Sydney United 0, Sutherland Sharks 1 APIA Leichhardt Tigers 0, South Coast Wolves 1 Blacktown City FC 6.

GRADE 18: Bonnyrigg White Eagles 2 Bankstown City Lions 0, West Sydney Berries 2 Manly United FC 3, Marconi Stallions 0 Sydney United 1, Sutherland Sharks 2 APIA Leichhardt Tigers 1.

NSW SUPER LEAGUE: ROUND 3: FIRST GRADE: Dulwich Hill 1 (J Lucas 61m) Granville Rage 2 (Own goal 71m N Rivera 78m), Macarthur Rams 0 PCYC Parramatta 2 (D Fogarty 12m S Ardlie 79m), Central Coast Lightning 1 (D Cooper 48m) Spirit FC 2 (B Gough 65/87m), St George FC 2 (R Maekawa 31m P Crevani 48m) Northern Tigers 2 (M Simmonds 18m A Christiansen 73m).

GRADE 20: Dulwich Hill 1 Granville Rage 4, Macarthur Rams 0 PCYC Parramatta 5, Central Coast Lightning 0 Spirit FC 0, St George FC 1 Northern Tigers 2.

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE: ROUND 3: FIRST GRADE: UNSW 1 (L Davelaar 44m) Stanmore Hawks 2 (W Hijazi 26m L Machuca 73m), Schofield Scorpions 4 (W Stewart 3m L Boyd 9m C Theodosiou 37m J Schuman 86m) Camden Tigers 1 (A Smutek 32m), Mounties Wanderers 1 (C Care 8m) Gladesville Ryde Magic 1 (L McCormack 69m), Blacktown Spartans 6 (T Macrae 39m G McPherson 59/73/75/85m M Todd 87m) Hurstville ZFC 0, Hills Brumbies 3 (D Savic x 1 M Awad x 2) Inter Lions 1 (S Petralito x 1). GRADE 20: UNSW 2 Stanmore Hawks 1, Schofield Scorpions 3 Camden Tigers 1, Mounties Wanderers 2 Gladesville Ryde Magic 3, Blacktown Spartans 2 Hurstville ZFC 1, Hills Brumbies 2 Inter Lions 1.

NEXT ROUND

Round 7
3pm Sun 11/Apr Rockdale City Suns v West Syd Berries
Bicentennial Park Sth
3pm Sun 11/Apr Manly Utd v Sth Coast Wolves
Cromer Park
3pm Sun 11/Apr Bankstown City v Marconi Stallions
Jensen Park
3pm Sun 11/Apr Blacktown City v B'rigg White Eagles
Lily Homes
3pm Sun 11/Apr Syd Utd v S'land Sharks
Sydney Utd Sports Centre
4pm Sun 11/Apr APIA L'hardt Tigers v Syd Olympic
Leichhardt Oval

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South Hobart maintain top spot in Tasmania

By Walter Pless

South Hobart maintained top spot on the Forestry Tasmania Southern Premier League ladder after beating Olympia Warriors 2-0 at South Hobart on Saturday.

A first-half strike by Jonathon Lo, set up for him by Liam Scott, gave the reigning champions a 1-0 lead at the interval.

Scott, who was making his return to the side more quickly than expected after suffering a broken elbow, hit the second in the 69th minute to seal victory.

Glenorchy Knights stayed second after downing Kingborough Lions United 4-1 away at Lightwood Park on Saturday.

Amadu Koroma put the Knights ahead and goals by Jacob Huigsloot and Josh Fielding made it 3-1 at the break, Marcello Marchioli having pulled a goal back for the Lions with a penalty.

Fielding completed the scoring in the second half for the Knights, who had Corey Smith sent off after receiving a second yellow card.

Tilford Zebras briefly occupied top spot on Friday night when they overcame Clarence United 4-1 at KGV Park.

Clarence took the lead after just two minutes through Ben Hamlett, but Zebras were level in the 16th minute when former Clarence player Dwayne Walsh attacked down the right before cutting inside and beating keeper Cameron Sweeney at his near post.

Dwayne Welch made it 2-1 for Zebras in the 25th minute with a neat lob over Sweeney, while Matt Hall hit the third in the 38th minute following Luke Engels's left-wing cross and an 'air swing' by Walshs.

Captain Andrew Telega scored the fourth in the 59th minute following a corner.

New Town Eagles moved into fourth spot after registering their first win of the league season with a 3-1 triumph over Taroona at home at Clare Street on Saturday.

Eagles led 3-0 at half-time through a free-kick by Alex Leszczynski and two goals by Adam McKeown.

McKeown's first came in the 33rd minute when he managed to get in a shot despite the close attentions of a defender, while his second came four minutes later from a fine volley after Ben Whitehall's free-kick from the right and a clever dummy by Leszczynski.

Taroona pulled a goal back in the 62nd minute through a penalty, conceded by Eagles goalkeeper Nathan Pitchford for a needless foul on Garry Hamilton.

Marcus Atkinson despatched the spot-kick with ease, but Taroona were unable to make up the leeway.

The previous Sunday, Tilford Zebras and Kingborough Lions United drew 1-1 at KGV Park in a controversial match.

Greg Freeman put the Lions ahead in the 4th minute when Zebras keeper Troy Kaden had to head a back-pass clear but

conceded possession to Freeman, who rounded the keeper and scored.

Andrew Telega made it 1-1 after excellent work on the right by Daniel Lapolla.

Zebras' central defender Ryan Smith was fortunate to stay on after a foul on the Lions' Brett Andrews, the referee waving play on as Andrews lay writhing on the ground.

In the Forestry Tasmania Northern Premier League, Riverside Olympia beat Launceston United 4-1, Burnie United downed Launceston City 2-1 away at Mitsubishi Park, Somerset defeated Prospect Knights 2-1 at Cardigan Street, and Devonport City squeezed home 2-1 against Ulverstone at Valley Road in the North-West Coast derby.

The preliminary round of the State-wide Milan Lakoseljic Memorial Trophy competition is scheduled for Easter Monday.



Right: Eagles' Alex Leszczynski clashes with Taroona's Sam Johnson. PHOTO: WALTER PLESS



New Town Eagles' Andrew Clark (left) jostles with Taroona's Hugo Luttmner. PHOTO: WALTER PLESS

SOUTH LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Hobart	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Glenorchy Knights	3	2	0	1	9	7	6
Tilford Zebras	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Taroona	3	1	1	1	7	6	4
Kingborough Lions	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Clarence United	3	1	1	1	6	7	4
New Town Eagles	3	0	1	2	7	9	1
Hobart Olympia	3	0	1	2	3	8	1

SOUTH RESULTS

Kingborough Lions 1 lost to Glenorchy Knights 4
New Town Eagles 3 defeated Taroona 1
South Hobart 2 defeated Hobart Olympia 0
Tilford Zebras 4 defeated Clarence United 1

NEXT ROUND

Round 5

Friday 9th April
Glenorchy Knights v Tilford Zebras
KGV Park 8pm

Saturday 10th April
New Town Eagles v Clarence United
Clare Street 2.30pm

Kingborough Lions v Hobart Olympia
Lightwood Park 2.30pm

Sunday 11th April
South Hobart v Taroona
South Hobart 2.30pm

NORTH LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burnie United	2	2	0	0	15	1	6
Riverside Olympic	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Northern Rangers	1	1	0	0	7	1	3
Devonport City	1	0	0	0	2	1	3
Ulverstone	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Somerset	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Launceston City	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Prospect Knights	2	0	0	2	3	10	0
Launceston United	2	0	0	2	1	17	0

NORTH RESULTS

Devonport City 2 defeated Ulverstone 1
Launceston City 1 lost to Burnie United 2
Launceston United 1 lost to Riverside Olympic 4
Somerset 3 defeated Prospect Knights 2

NEXT ROUND

Round 3

Saturday 10th April
Prospect Knights v Riverside Olympic
Harley Parade 2.30pm

Burnie United v Somerset
Montello 2.30pm

Northern Rangers v Launceston Utd
NTCA 6.30pm

Launceston City v Devonport City
Mitsubishi Park 6.30pm

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Panthers Prevail over Playford in Cup Round

By Nat Adamopoulos

While all three leagues took recess over the Easter break, Round 1 of the FFSA Federation Cup was played, a competition that gives a chance for clubs from the Collegiate and Regional Leagues to take on clubs from the FFSA Men's Leagues.

On Easter Saturday two State League clubs South Adelaide Panthers and Playford City Patriots battled it out, with the Panthers claiming a 3-1 victory at O'Sullivan's Beach Sports Complex. Goal scorers for South Adelaide were Aaron Phillips with a brace and Ryan Weightman with a single, while D Hercegovac scored the only goal for the Patriots.

It took only four minutes for the Panthers to find the net, a free kick taken on the half-way line, perfectly timed and weighted for Phillips to run onto and nod in past the Playford keeper. The wake-up call for the Patriots seemed to work, as they quickly equalized three minutes later, from a corner that was put away with a bullet left foot shot from Hercegovac putting the game back all square before ten minutes of the match had been played. With both clubs fielding very young teams, each had their equal shares of chances to score, the keepers at either end being put to the test on several occasions. But it was the Panthers that took the lead in the 25th minute from a ball won in midfield and supplied up front for Weightman to blast into the net. The remainder of the first half was fairly evenly contested, both sides stringing together some good passages of play, which kept the defences on their toes. Panthers had a golden opportunity right on the half time whistle to make it three zip, when a header from a corner kick was looking to be going goal-wise, only to be cleared off the line by the Patriots defence.

Within six minutes of the second half commencing, it looked like luck was going to go all the way for the Panthers, being awarded a penalty in the 51st minute with a player brought down in the box, the Patriots keeper becoming hero with a save that kept his side in the game. Despite South Adelaide holding a slight dominance on the game, the Playford band of youngsters had their moments in the match, with first team regulars Scott Bice, Craig McDevitt and Hercegovac amongst the best players



Federation Cup action in South Australia between Panthers and Playford. PHOTOS: ADAM BUTLER

on the day with strong performances. Given the very young age and inexperience of some players on both sides, the intensity of the match remained at a high level, both sides creating chances and playing some very good, but simple and effective football. Towards the end of the match it did become somewhat of a lumping competition but with this in mind, the Panthers lads killed off the match with four minutes to go, Phillips scoring his second.

South Adelaide's Coach Steve Maxwell was pleased with the result. "We had eight senior players unavailable including Damian Mori, so this was the time for our

up and coming youngsters to show what they had. I was pleasantly surprised with the standard of the game and the way the boys applied themselves to the challenge of playing senior football."

In the other match played on Saturday, Collegiate League Club Unley Old Scholars took to the field against State League side N.A.B., going down 3 goals to 7 and learning a valuable football lesson in the process. Hat-tricks were the order of the day for NAB, both Peter Karakasilis and seasoned player Vince Schimizzi coming back from a knee injury being successful with Rick Todarello making up the total,

while for the visitors one each going to Newberry, Holt and Rodbourn who also made the best players list.

Matches scheduled for the Easter Monday are State League sides Gawler v Northern Demons, Collegiate Norwood Soccer Club v State League Seaford Rangers, Riverland Soccer Association v Adelaide Red Stars will be playing in the Riverland. Two matches are keeping the southerners happy down in Mt Gambier – Apollo Soccer Club v Adelaide University and The Cove will travel down to experience the sweet hospitality of International Soccer Club and their football fans.

SA RESULTS

FEDERATION CUP Preliminary Round - Results	
South Adelaide 3 (A.Phillips, 2, R.Weightman)	Playford City 1 (D.Hercegovac)
(HT 2-1)	
Best – South Adel (A.Phillips, A.Fontino, N.Somners)	
Playford (S.Bice, C.McDevitt, D.Hercegovac)	
Res – South Adel 3	Playford 4
U19 – South Adel 4	Playford 1
N.A.B. 7 (P.Karakasilis 3, V.Schimizzi 3, R.Todarello)	
Unley Old Scholars 3 (Newberry, Holt, Rodbourn)	
(HT 5-1)	
Best – N.A.B. (A.Fischetti, V.Schimizzi, M.Seatree)	
Unley (Richards, Newberry, Holt)	
All matches below scheduled for Monday 5 April.	
Riverland Soccer Association v Adelaide Red Stars	
Fifteenth Street, RENMARK	
Seniors - 2.30pm	
Toros v Mercedes Old Collegians	
Mercedes Forfeit	
Gawler v Northern Demons	
Karbeethan Reserve, Angle Vale Rd, EVANSTON	
GARDENS	
U19s – 9.30am	Reserves – 12.00pm
Seniors – 2.30pm	
Norwood Soccer Club v Seaford Rangers	
Athelstone Recreation Reserve, 267 Lower Athelstone Rd, ATHELSTONE	
Seniors - 2.30pm	
Apollo Soccer Club v Adelaide University	
Casadio Park, Bay Road, MOUNT GAMBIER	
Seniors - 11.00am	
International Soccer Club v The Cove	
Casadio Park, Bay Road, MOUNT GAMBIER	
Seniors - 1.30pm	

NEXT ROUND

Round 3	
Sat 10/04/2010	
Adelaide Cobras vs Adelaide Galaxy	
3pm Weigall Oval	
Campbelltown vs Cumberland Utd	
3pm Newton Village Sports Complex	
Para Hills vs Adelaide Blue Eagles	
7pm The Paddocks	
Western Strikers vs MetroStars	
7pm Carnegie Reserve	
Mon 12/04/2010	
Adelaide City vs Raiders	
7.30pm Adelaide City Park	

LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
MetroStars	2	1	1	0	6	3	3	4
Adelaide Galaxy	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
Adelaide City	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
Western Strikers	2	1	0	1	5	4	1	3
Cumberland Utd	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
Adelaide Cobras	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
Campbelltown	2	1	0	1	3	5	-2	3
Para Hills	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
Raiders	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
Adelaide Blue Eagles	2	0	0	2	2	5	-3	0



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Razorbacks ride their luck

By Jarrod Ellis

The second round of the 2010 QSL kicked off on Good Friday with the Capricorn Cougars hosting Whitsunday Miners, but the most anticipated match of the round was without a doubt Saturday's clash between reigning league champions Brisbane Strikers and competition dark horse NQ Razorbacks.

The Strikers went into the match without star forward Gareth Musson, Myles Carseldine, and Jordan Musson all sidelined by injury. Even coach Stuart McLaren was absent having departed to Canberra for two weeks in order to pursue his AFC "A" coaching license.

It came as no real surprise then when the Razorbacks exploded from the blocks, having the better of the early exchanges. Brisbane were forced to defend diligently as the home side won a series of corners, but despite dangerous deliveries from young midfielder Brett Hay, failed to capitalize.

The opening stages were a rollercoaster for Razorbacks coach Ken Mitchell whose heart would have been in his mouth as he watched whilst keeper Gonzalez mishandled a seemingly harmless Thurtell header, only to recover at the last moment

snatching the ball up before it could finish inside his net.

After the opening twenty minutes Brisbane seemed to find their groove, settling into a passing game that stretched the home side down the flanks.

The Razorbacks were able to ride out the storm though thanks to a mix of good defending and poor crossing.

NQ forward Jake Navarro was a stand-out in the first half for the home side, only stopped on the edge of the area several times thanks to last ditch effort tackles from Brisbane defenders.

The second half was much the same as the first with the Strikers looking to their wide men for inspiration but failing to find a quality final ball, and the Razorbacks attempting to defend high up the pitch and catch the Strikers on the break or from set pieces.

On this occasion it was to be the Razorbacks whose methods would prove fruitful. With the Razorbacks having won a corner kick on their left touchline in the 74th minute, the ball was driven in about chest-high towards the near post where Galliozi won a desperate sprint towards it to get in a stooping, glancing header from only a metre out. Brisbane keeper White reacted quickly, but found the ball skidding off the bottom of his outstretched

right leg before hitting the post and squirming over the line.

The goal would prove to be decisive as NQ held on for the remainder of the match, defending stubbornly against increasingly desperate efforts from the Strikers. It wasn't to be though for the visitors as the Razorbacks celebrated a 1-0, their first against the Brisbane club.

Whitsunday Miners could have been forgiven for going into their first match of the season against Capricorn Cougars with their heads down after a hugely disruptive off-season that culminated in their first round match being cancelled due to poor weather.

The Whitsunday squad was also missing key players for their match through injury including captain Troy Mundy and Stuart Watkins (foot), Kyle McBurney (knee) and Oliver Mortensen (thigh).

The Cougars would fail to capitalize on the visitor's injury toll and lack of match practice though as the Miners defence held firm to secure a 0-0 result at Ryan Park.

Up in the far north of the state the Bulls hosted a Bundaberg Spirit side in a buoyant mood following their 0-0 draw with NQ Razorbacks in Round 1. The Spirit went into the match without keeper Ben Heidenreich, who did much to keep his

side in the game in Round 1 along with stalwart defender Rob Thatcher, also out due to a rib injury.

The Bulls were confident of securing a result but recognized that traditional QSL whipping boys Bundaberg may be a different proposition this season.

"Getting a draw against Townsville is a good result for any team," Bulls captain Victor Madrid said. "They are not going to be coming up all this way just to lose. We expect them to be hard to beat. You can't underestimate anyone in this league."

Despite that forecast the absence of Heidenreich and Thatcher proved crucial as FNQ Bulls took the game to the Spirit.

The visitors were under pressure for significant periods of the match as the Bulls found the extra touches that deserted them last week against Sunshine Coast, running out 3-1 winners by full time.

Sunday's game again sees Sunshine Coast taking to the field, this time against a young QAS side set to make their first appearance of the season after the cancellation of the Whitsunday match in the first round.

The Fire's defensive midfield import, Mark Riley, believes QAS missing that game could work to his team's advantage.

"QAS are more than likely just look-

LADDER

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	GD	Pts
1 Sunshine Coast FC	2	2	0	0	8	4	4	6
2 NQ Razorbacks	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	4
3 Brisbane Strikers	2	1	0	1	1	0	3	
4 FNQ Bulls	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
5 Whitsunday Miners	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
6 Bundaberg Spirit	2	0	1	1	2	-1	1	
7 Capricorn Cougars	2	0	1	1	0	-1	-1	
8 QAS	1	0	0	1	3	-2	0	

NEXT ROUND

ROUND 3

Whitsunday Miners v Brisbane Strikers
Sat 10 April 7:30pm
FNQ Bulls v NQ Razorbacks
Sat 10 April 8:00pm
Sunshine Coast FC v Capricorn Cougars
Sun 11 April 1:30pm
Bundaberg Spirit v QAS
Sun 11 April 3:00pm

ing to go out there and get a good strong hit-out for their first game of the season," he said.

"In saying that though, we won't be taking them lightly."

Despite being scheduled as an away game the match will be held at Stockland Park as the QAS does not have another available ground, providing the Fire with a further advantage.

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Knights see off ECU

By Ashley Morrison

It took ECU Joondalup until they were two goals down against the Western Knights at Nash Field to start showing what they were capable off, and then when it looked like they may salvage something from the game, they paid the price for coughing up two cheap goals in the first half.

The first came in just the tenth minute and was one that former Charlton Athletic, Luton Town and Swindon Town goalkeeper Andy Petterson would not be proud of. A long throw-in from the Knight's Paul Van Dongen was flicked goalwards by the returning Stuart Ferguson. The veteran Petterson tamely patted the ball down at the feet of Montgomery who poked the ball home. It was the sort of save you might expect a young keeper starting out on his career to make, but certainly not one of Petterson's experience.

Four minutes later he fumbled a long-range effort from Anthony Campbell so it came as no surprise when he was beaten again in the 23rd minute. This time Montgomery was the provider when he slipped a ball in behind the static Joondalup defence. Daniel Micevski skipped past Jason Marsden and then had a clear run, on the angle, towards Petterson's goal. The big 'keeper advanced, but Micevski coolly side footed home to make it 2-0.

Petterson did make a superb save two minutes later when Montgomery played a one-two with Duncan Hind and the latter drove a fierce rising shot towards goal. Petterson palmed the ball over the cross bar.

Joondalup's first meaningful chance came from the lively John Thornley, playing against his former club. In the 34th minute Collins played a defence splitting pass for Thornley to run onto. He outpaced the recovering Knights defence, and beat the advancing Siddall with a thunderous shot, and was unfortunate to see it hammer against the post and away to safety.



Sorrento's Jared Love takes on United's Robert Lujan in the Gulls 3-1 win at Francis Street PHOTO: FOOTBALL WEST

Minutes later O'Callaghan, playing in midfield used his pace and ran directly at the heart of the Knights defence, the previous two seasons top scorer, shot from the edge of the box, but Siddall was down sharply to save.

Joondalup were a different side in the second half and the game came to life. Within five minutes of the restart they had pulled a goal back. The influential Scott Bushby managed to get in behind the Knights' defence; he carried the ball to the by-line and whipped in a cross. Thornley arriving at the front post rose, and with the ball slightly behind him arched his neck and then powered a header past the stranded Siddall at the front post.

Joondalup then had a wonderful opportunity to draw level in the 58th minute. Jamie Watt beat Hind to the ball and it spun towards the Knights' box, then followed a mix up between Ferguson and his 'keeper and the ball somehow ricocheted into O'Callaghan, but rebounded the wrong side of the post for Joondalup. Remarkably the referee awarded a

corner, and it was played deep to the far post where Comyn-Platt nodded it back across the box, and Blackmore directed his header just over the crossbar.

In the 67th minute it appeared that the Knights had sealed the victory when Daniel Micevski played a ball into the box from the left. Simon Versaico was unmarked and struck a fierce drive, Petterson wound back the clock to save superbly, but the ball spun back to Versaico who had the easiest of tap-ins into an empty net.

Joondalup who was a different side from the one that started the game continued to press and in the 84th minute Bushby and Thornley combined again and the Knights had Annall to thank as he headed the ball clear.

Three minutes later they did pull another goal back, this time O'Callaghan managed to get behind the defence and to the by-line, he pulled the ball back to Thornley, whose first time strike was well saved by Siddall at his near post. The ball spun loose and Thornley was first to react to prod the ball home to

NEXT ROUND

Round 4

Sat 10 Apr 3PM Floreat Athena v Swan United
E & D Litis Stadium
Sat 10 Apr 3PM ECU Joondalup v Perth SC
ECU Joondalup
Sat 10 Apr 3PM Sorrento v Armadale Percy
Doyle Reserve
Sat 10 Apr 3PM Inglewood United v Western Knights
The Clipsal Stadium
Sat 10 Apr 3PM Cockburn City v Stirling
Lions Dalmatinac Park
Sat 10 Apr 3PM Balcatta v Mandurah City
Grindelford Reserve

make it 3-2.

Any hopes of salvaging a draw were destroyed straight from the kick-off. Versaico received the ball for the Knights wide on the right. He accelerated past Whyllie, looked up and spotted the run of David Micevski, he slid a pass straight to his feet just inside the penalty box. Last year's state player of the year beat Petterson of the post to restore the two-goal cushion.

Joondalup had one last chance in the dying minutes when Annall under hit a back pass to Siddall, Watt pounced and nipped in between the two to prod the ball towards the empty net, but Ferguson miraculously cleared from underneath the crossbar. The win saw the Knights move up to second on the ladder.

Outright top of the ladder belongs to newly promoted Balcatta who are the only team with a 100% record after three games as they beat Stirling Lions 2-1 with the Lions goal coming the last five minutes. The victory would have been very satisfying for Balcatta's Ashley Rosindale who was released by Stirling two years ago and is currently the league's top scorer with six goals in three games.

Floreat Athena met archrival Perth at BGC Stadium, Perth's home ground and left with all three points that sees the two teams sharing third on the ladder. Foreat coming out winners 4-2. Swan United lost at home 1-3 to Sorrento, while Mandurah City picked up their first points of the season defeating Inglewood United 1-0. The bottom of the table clash saw both teams pick up their first points as the honours were shared as Scott Miller's Cockburn City drew 1-1 with Brad Hassell's Armadale, in a game that saw three sent off.

LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Balcatta	3	3	0	0	9	1	8	9
2 Western Knights	3	2	1	0	8	5	3	7
3 Floreat Athena	3	2	0	1	11	5	6	6
4 Perth SC	3	2	0	1	7	6	1	6
5 Sorrento	3	1	1	1	6	6	0	4
6 Stirling Lions	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
7 Inglewood United	3	1	0	2	5	6	-1	3
8 ECU Joondalup	3	1	0	2	4	6	-2	3
9 Swan United	3	1	0	2	2	4	-2	3
10 Mandurah City	3	1	0	2	2	8	-6	3
11 Armadale	3	0	2	1	3	4	-1	2
12 Cockburn City	3	0	1	2	2	4	-2	1

WA RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

Results - Saturday, 3 April 2010

First Team

Armadale 1 (Robinson 40 pen) Cockburn City 1 (Natale 29); Stirling Lions 1 (Frost 86), Balcatta 2 (Rosindale 64, Walsh 81); Swan United 1 (Lujan 37) Sorrento 3 (Quincroft 20, Love 73 pen, OG 86); Western Knights 4 (Montgomery 10, Daniel Micevski 23, Versaico 67, David Micevski 89) ECU Joondalup 2 (Thornley 49, 87); Perth SC 2 (Onoforo 5, Oliveira 75) Floreat Athena 4 Mikulic 6, Mirco 12, Pavlovic 45, Neiderberger 66); Mandurah City 1 (Brown 65) Inglewood United 0

Reserves

Armadale 3 Cockburn City 3; Stirling Lions 2 Balcatta 0; Swan United 5 Sorrento 4; Western Knights 3 ECU Joondalup 2; Perth SC 1 Floreat Athena 0; Mandurah City 3 Inglewood United 2

Under 18's

Armadale 0 Cockburn City 5; Stirling Lions 6 Balcatta 0; Swan United 5 Sorrento 0; Western Knights 3 ECU Joondalup 0; Perth SC 6 Floreat Athena 5; Mandurah City 0 Inglewood United 3

DIVISION ONE

Results - Saturday, 3 April 2010

First Team

Queens Park 1 (Anquetil 22) Rockingham City 2 (Stewart 52, Vaz 10, 66); Forrestfield United 2 (Guardo 50, Hart 56) Bayswater City1 (Narunaida 81) ; Gosnells City 3 (Chavez 40, 80, Rothwell 43) Morley-Windmills 0; Ashfield 1 (Moondin 37) Bunbury Forum Force 5 (Mayer 12, Rogers 28, McGee 64, Stewart 68, 74); Canning City 1 (Whetnall 84) Fremantle Spirit 1 (De Souza 42); Wanneroo City 1 (Cairney 25 pen) Dianella White Eagles 2 (Radilovic 49, Wingell 85)

Reserves

Queens Park 1 Rockingham City 1; Forrestfield United 1 Bayswater City 2; Gosnells City 4 Morley-Windmills 0; Ashfield 0 Bunbury Forum Force NG; Canning City 2 Fremantle Spirit 0; Wanneroo City 4 Dianella White Eagles 0

Under 18's

Queens Park 0 Rockingham City 8; Forrestfield United 1 Bayswater City 2; Gosnells City 2 Morley-Windmills 1; Ashfield NG Bunbury Forum Force NG; Canning City 1 Fremantle Spirit 0; Wanneroo City 4 Dianella White Eagles1



Round 1

Fri 9 Apr KO 8pm Canberra FC v Tuggeranong Utd
Deakin Stadium (Deakin Oval)
Sun 11 Apr KO 3pm Woden Valley v Belconnen Utd
Woden Park Enclosed
Sun 11 Apr KO 3pm ANU FC v Canberra City
ANU North Oval 1
Sun 11 Apr KO 3pm Goulburn Strikers v Monaro Panthers
Cookbundoon
Sun 11 Apr KO 5pm Canberra Olympic v Cooma Tigers
Hawker Football Centre

Round 2

Fri 16 Apr KO 8pm Canberra Olympic v Belconnen Utd
Hawker Football Centre
Sat 17 Apr KO 3pm Tuggeranong Utd v Monaro Panthers
Kambah 2-1
Sun 18 Apr KO 3pm Canberra FC v Canberra City
Deakin Stadium (Deakin Oval)
Sun 18 Apr KO 3pm Goulburn Strikers v Woden Valley
Cookbundoon
Sun 18 Apr KO 3pm Cooma Tigers v ANU FC
Nijong Oval

Round 3

Fri 30 Apr KO 8pm Monaro Panthers v Canberra City
Hawker Football Centre
Sat 1 May KO 6pm Belconnen Utd v Cooma Tigers
McKellar Park
Sun 2 May KO 3pm Woden Valley v Tuggeranong Utd
Woden Park Enclosed
Sun 2 May KO 3pm Canberra FC v ANU FC
Deakin Stadium (Deakin Oval)
Sun 2 May KO 5pm Canberra Olympic v Goulburn Strikers
Hawker Football Centre

Round 4

Fri 7 May KO 8pm Tuggeranong Utd v Canberra Olympic
Hawker Football Centre
Sun 9 May KO 3pm ANU FC v Monaro Panthers
O'Connor Enclosed 1
Sun 9 May KO 3pm Goulburn Strikers v Belconnen Utd
Cookbundoon
Sun 9 May KO 3pm Cooma Tigers v Canberra FC
Nijong Oval
Sun 9 May KO 4pm Canberra City v Woden Valley
Hawker Football Centre

Round 5

Fri 14 May KO 8pm Woden Valley v ANU FC
Hawker Football Centre
Sat 15 May KO 6pm Belconnen Utd v Tuggeranong Utd
McKellar Park
Sun 16 May KO 3pm Monaro Panthers v Canberra FC
Riverside Stadium
Sun 16 May KO 3pm Goulburn Strikers v Cooma Tigers
Cookbundoon
Sun 16 May KO 5pm Canberra Olympic v Canberra City
Hawker Football Centre

Round 6

Fri 21 May KO 8pm Canberra City v Belconnen Utd
Hawker Football Centre
Sun 23 May KO 3pm Tuggeranong Utd v Goulburn Strikers
Kambah 2-1
Sun 23 May KO 3pm ANU FC v Canberra Olympic
O'Connor Enclosed 1
Sun 23 May KO 3pm Canberra FC v Woden Valley
Deakin Stadium (Deakin Oval)
Sun 23 May KO 3pm Cooma Tigers v Monaro Panthers
Nijong Oval

Round 7

Fri 28 May KO 8pm Woden Valley v Monaro Panthers
Hawker Football Centre
Sat 29 May KO 3pm Tuggeranong Utd v Cooma Tigers
Kambah 2-1
Sun 30 May KO 3pm Goulburn Strikers v Canberra City
Cookbundoon
Sun 30 May KO 4pm Belconnen Utd v ANU FC
McKellar Park
Sun 30 May KO 5pm Canberra Olympic v Canberra FC
Hawker Football Centre

Round 8

Sat 5 Jun KO 6pm Canberra City v Tuggeranong Utd
Hawker Football Centre
Sun 6 Jun KO 3pm ANU FC v Goulburn Strikers
O'Connor Enclosed 1
Sun 6 Jun KO 3pm Monaro Panthers v Canberra Olympic
Riverside Stadium
Sun 6 Jun KO 3pm Canberra FC v Belconnen Utd
Deakin Stadium (Deakin Oval)
Sun 6 Jun KO 3pm Woden Valley v Cooma Tigers
Woden Park Enclosed

Round 9

Sat 19 Jun KO 6pm Belconnen Utd v Monaro Panthers
McKellar Park
Sun 20 Jun KO 3pm ANU FC v Tuggeranong Utd
ANU North Oval 1
Sun 20 Jun KO 3pm Goulburn Strikers v Canberra FC
Cookbundoon
Sun 20 Jun KO 3pm Cooma Tigers v Canberra City
Nijong Oval
Sun 20 Jun KO 5pm Canberra Olympic v Woden Valley
Hawker Football Centre

Round 10

Sat 26 Jun KO 6pm Canberra City v Canberra FC
Hawker Football Centre
Sun 27 Jun KO 3pm ANU FC v Cooma Tigers
ANU North Oval 1
Sun 27 Jun KO 3pm Monaro Panthers v Tuggeranong Utd
Riverside Stadium
Sun 27 Jun KO 3pm Woden Valley v Goulburn Strikers
Woden Park Enclosed
Sun 27 Jun KO 4pm Belconnen Utd v Canberra Olympic
McKellar Park

Round 11

Sat 10 Jul KO 3pm Cooma Tigers v Canberra Olympic
Nijong Oval
Sun 11 Jul KO 3pm Monaro Panthers v Goulburn Strikers
Riverside Stadium
Sun 11 Jul KO 3pm Tuggeranong Utd v Canberra FC
Kambah 2-1
Sun 11 Jul KO 4pm Belconnen Utd v Woden Valley
McKellar Park
Sun 11 Jul KO 4pm Canberra City v ANU FC
Hawker Football Centre

Round 12

Sat 17 Jul KO 3pm Tuggeranong Utd v Woden Valley
Kambah 2-1
Sun 18 Jul KO 3pm ANU FC v Canberra FC
ANU North Oval 1
Sun 18 Jul KO 3pm Goulburn Strikers v Canberra Olympic
Cookbundoon
Sun 18 Jul KO 3pm Cooma Tigers v Belconnen Utd
Nijong Oval
Sun 18 Jul KO 4pm Canberra City v Monaro Panthers
Hawker Football Centre

Round 13

Sat 24 Jul KO 3pm Tuggeranong Utd v Belconnen Utd
Kambah 2-1
Sun 25 Jul KO 3pm ANU FC v Woden Valley
ANU North Oval 1
Sun 25 Jul KO 3pm Canberra FC v Monaro Panthers
Deakin Stadium (Deakin Oval)
Sun 25 Jul KO 3pm Cooma Tigers v Goulburn Strikers
Nijong Oval
Sun 25 Jul KO 4pm Canberra City v Canberra Olympic
Hawker Football Centre

Round 14

Sat 31 Jul KO 6pm Belconnen Utd v Goulburn Strikers
McKellar Park
Sun 1 Aug KO 3pm Canberra FC v Cooma Tigers
Deakin Stadium (Deakin Oval)
Sun 1 Aug KO 3pm Monaro Panthers v ANU FC
Riverside Stadium
Sun 1 Aug KO 3pm Woden Valley v Canberra City
Woden Park Enclosed
Sun 1 Aug KO 5pm Canberra Olympic v Tuggeranong Utd
Hawker Football Centre

Round 15

Sat 7 Aug KO 6pm Belconnen Utd v Canberra City
McKellar Park
Sun 8 Aug KO 3pm Woden Valley v Canberra FC
Woden Park Enclosed
Sun 8 Aug KO 3pm Monaro Panthers v Cooma Tigers
Riverside Stadium
Sun 8 Aug KO 3pm Goulburn Strikers v Tuggeranong Utd
Cookbundoon
Sun 8 Aug KO 5pm Canberra Olympic v ANU FC
Hawker Football Centre

Round 16

Sat 14 Aug KO 6pm Belconnen Utd v Canberra FC
McKellar Park
Sun 15 Aug KO 3pm Goulburn Strikers v ANU FC
Cookbundoon
Sun 15 Aug KO 3pm Tuggeranong Utd v Canberra City
Kambah 2-1
Sun 15 Aug KO 3pm Cooma Tigers v Woden Valley
Nijong Oval
Sun 15 Aug KO 5pm Canberra Olympic v Monaro Panthers
Hawker Football Centre

Round 17

Sat 21 Aug KO 6pm Canberra City v Goulburn Strikers
Hawker Football Centre
Sun 22 Aug KO 3pm ANU FC v Belconnen Utd
ANU North Oval 1
Sun 22 Aug KO 3pm Canberra FC v Canberra Olympic
Deakin Stadium (Deakin Oval)
Sun 22 Aug KO 3pm Cooma Tigers v Tuggeranong Utd
Nijong Oval
Sun 22 Aug KO 3pm Monaro Panthers v Woden Valley
Riverside Stadium

Round 18

Sun 29 Aug KO 3pm Woden Valley v Canberra Olympic
Woden Park Enclosed
Sun 29 Aug KO 3pm Tuggeranong Utd v ANU FC
Kambah 2-1
Sun 29 Aug KO 3pm Monaro Panthers v Belconnen Utd
Riverside Stadium
Sun 29 Aug KO 3pm Canberra FC v Goulburn Strikers
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Champs the team to beat in new-look League

By Russ Gibbs

EIGHTEEN times league champions Canberra FC will still be the team to beat in 2010 as the new-look Gatorade Premier League kicks off in the nation's capital this weekend. The champions get the show on the road with the opening match under the lights of Deakin Stadium on Friday evening as they host Tuggeranong United. With three new entrants looking to make their mark on the top flight, including Federation Cup runner's-up Goulburn Strikers, a top-notch season of entertainment is in store. Here's how the competing teams are shaping up.

ANU FC
(last season: 7th)
Following their seventh place finish in the ACT Premier League in 2009, ANU FC enters the 2010 Gatorade Premier League season hoping for better luck than they received last year. Four wins was a paltry return for, arguably, the best prepared club in the division. John Mitchell has his squad extremely fit, a legacy of an early start to pre-season, and that early season fitness could prove to be decisive.
As with any competition a good start is critical and ANU FC have been handed a tricky looking opening set of fixtures. A home tie with an in-form Canberra City is followed by visits to Cooma Tigers and Canberra FC giving the club what could prove to be a torrid start. But on the basis of their successful Federation Cup campaign there is little reason for ANU FC to fear anyone.
The team were just thirty seconds away from a place in the Final after they led Canberra FC 2-1 in the semi-final at Hawker Football Centre before having their hopes dashed by a late equaliser. In building a two-goal cushion in that match ANU FC showed plenty of promise and a rapid style of play that is sure to cause problems for many defences' during the 2010 season.

A competitive Federation Cup campaign ended with a 1-2 loss in the third place play off to Belconnen United proving again the students' ability to compete with the best.

BELCONNEN UNITED
(last season: 2nd, Grand Final runner-up)
Belconnen United will be looking to go one step further in 2010 as they prepare for revenge after losing the 2009 Grand Final to old foes Canberra FC.

The Blue Devils looked in sharp form for the majority of last season and, with their group of young players maturing nicely, will be one of the top tips for Gatorade Premier League success this time round. Having reached the last three Grand Finals, including a barn-storming 4-1 win over Canberra FC in Steve Forshaw's final match in charge of the club in 2008, Belconnen undoubtedly know how to win the big prize.

Under Scott Conlon the team has evolved with several new faces taking up the mantle and will be a force in 2010. The return of 2009 ACT Golden Boot, David Leet, will be a boost and, added to the evergreen Danny Macor and the increasingly prolific Tai Smith, the attacking stocks are well and truly catered for. At the back the re-signing of goalkeeper Ben Cheyne cannot be overstated. Cheyne is a shot-stopper of extraordinary quality and is worth his weight in gold as to be successful every team needs a top 'keeper.

Elsewhere the squad looks well-balanced. The creative midfield ability of Dustin Wells and Taylor Beaton is well complemented by the work ethic of Callum Beaton and Cameron Reinhart whilst at the back Lee Pietrzkowski and Matt Valeri offer solid, and dependable, defensive choices. With success expected at the club Conlon is well aware of the pressures on his squad to perform.

CANBERRA CITY
(last season: 4th, semi-finalists)
The new Gatorade Premier League season promises much for Pat Caggiano and his Canberra City squad following on from a successful 2009 programme. City, against most people's expect-



Canberra FC Adam Spaleta and new signing Victor Yanes (21) celebrate Splaeta's Federation Cup winner. INSET LEFT: Goulburn Strikers key man – Brody Willis. INSET RIGHT: Cameron Reinhart (right in blue) of Belconnen United challenges Scott Barsley (in white) of Canberra Olympic. Zak Maybury (background) looks on.

tations it must be said, made the top four of the Premier League only to be defeated at the semi-final stage. It was a tremendous achievement for a young squad that has matured together and knitted into an excellent outfit as demonstrated during the 2010 Project Coordination Federation Cup. City stuttered past ANU FC (Premier Pathway League) 3-2 before firing on all cylinders to dismantle Canberra Olympic 4-1 and Monaro Panthers 5-0 before falling at the quarter final stage, 0-3, to Canberra FC. The score line barely reflects the match though as City dominated the opening half an hour before succumbing to two quick fire goals just prior to the interval, one a fortuitous deflection. In James Ward City possess one of the best goalkeepers in Canberra and in front of him is a defensive wall marshaled by the rock-like pairing of James Perry and David Dexter. Providing the flair further forward are Futsalroo international, and joint 2009 ACT Player of the Year, Pat Ross-Magee and new signing from Queanbeyan City, Misko Naumoski. It was the latter who provided the most potent goal threat during the Federation Cup with four goals in as many outings and Naumoski is likely to be the main source of goals this year

CANBERRA FC
(last season: 1st, Grand Final winners)
How to top a season that saw the club win everything there was to win in the local game?

That's the question that Canberra FC, under new Coach Stan Dukic, will attempt to answer in 2010.

Having claimed the 'treble' of Federation Cup, League Championship and Premiership trophies last time out there is every cause for optimism that the new campaign should bring continued success. It's something the club themselves predict. "We anticipate another good season for the club based on the strength and depth of our playing squad," club spokesman Martin Radic commented.

"Our prime objective as always is to win/retain the League Champions Title which we have won eight times in the last nine years. As usual in recent times our toughest opposition will likely come from Belconnen United.

Other teams to watch out for are Canberra Olympic and fast improving Canberra City. Away games against Cooma and Goulburn will also pose problems and outcome of these games will have a big bearing on deciding the League Champions." It's the sheer quality of players in the Canberra FC squad that makes them so hard to beat with a mid-field collection including Alex Castro, John Glass and Adam Spaleta. Added to the mix this season will be Victor Yanes and Marcin Zygmunt, both signed from Canberra Olympic, with the latter likely to be used as a replacement for the retired David Milin.

With Paul Ivanic and Michael Spaleta leading the attack, Canberra FC once more boast a formidable line-up. Can anyone stop the seemingly unstoppable machine? Time will tell but it will certainly take a great side to do so.

CANBERRA OLYMPIC
(last season: 3rd, semi-finalists)
Just when it seemed that Canberra Olympic would be one of the teams to beat

in the 2010 Gatorade Premier League then chaos reigned behind the scenes. Opening their Federation Cup campaign with a 9-1 massacre of Monaro Panthers, things looked rosy for last season's beaten semi-finalists.

However, a 4-0 quarter final whitewash at the hands of a ten-man Belconnen United precipitated the departure of long-term coach Ian Heywood and led to a re-shuffle only three weeks out from the start of the new season.

It's hardly ideal preparation for the new coach, who's yet to be named, but whoever does take over the hot seat will at least have the knowledge that there is plenty of talent

in the ranks.

New midfielder Andrew Ross, a former Chelsea FC youth prospect, looks like a quality addition to the squad, as does the signing of striker Dominic Giampaolo from Canberra FC. His goals, added to the already prolific Scott Barsley and Yianni Karabalis, means that Olympic are strong in attack.

It's defensively where the worries set in as despite the quality of veterans Steven Vanzetti and Matt Cachia, the duo lacks the pace of yesteryear, something that opposition strikers will be keen to exploit. However, should off-field politics not interfere too much with on-field action Olympic should be final contenders.

COOMA TIGERS
(last season: 3rd – ACT State League Division One, Grand Final winners)

Cooma Tigers return to the top flight of ACT football for the first time since 2006 when they culminated their extraordinary season with a 2-1 Grand Final victory over Canberra Olympic.

The Tigers had finished the year fourth on the ladder, twelve points behind Olympic, but turned the form book on its head to claim the trophy. Having missed out on a place in the re-structured Premier League the following season, the Tigers feel that they have unfinished business in the Premier League as, in essence, they finally get the chance to 'defend' that crown. Ironically, their season opening fixture is against Canberra Olympic—a repeat of the 2006 Final—giving the Tigers a sense of déjà vu as they kick off the Gatorade Premier League campaign at Hawker Football Centre.

That game is followed by their first home fixture, against a spirited and stylish ANU FC, before a road trip to 2009 Grand Final runner's-up Belconnen United. By the time champions Canberra FC visits Nijong Oval, for the Round Four match on the 9th May, we should have a clearer indication of what the Tigers can expect in 2010.

The pre-season Federation Cup gave glimpses of the Tigers at both their best and worst with a tame 2-0 quarter-final exit at the hands of ANU FC hardly what the demanding Tigers support would have expected, especially following the determination shown during the must-win 3-1 defeat of White Eagles in the Pool D decider.

GOULBURN STRIKERS
(last season: 2nd ACT State League Division One, semi-finalists)

Goulburn Strikers make their first foray into ACT Premier League football in 2010 hoping to shake up a few of the 'big-name' clubs and impose themselves in the competition.

The Strikers were formed in late 2001 and were State League Two champions in 2003. Their steady progress continued with a State League One championship in 2008, remaining unbeaten throughout, and a place in the quarter finals of the Federation Cup, for the first time ever, twelve months later. A very strong off-field strategic plan has ensured they were successful in their application to take part in the Gatorade Premier League from 2010 onwards.

So what can we expect from the Strikers this time out? It would be true to an extent to say the Strikers have met their expectations for 2010 already, with their inclusion in the Canberra Premier League. However, the side knows the long years of hard work haven't been just to play in the top competition, but to be able to compete.

And compete they will, with a side which has now played a full season together, including a run to the Final of the 2010 Federation Cup. A 3-2 loss to Canberra FC in that fixture showed the side they had what it takes to be competitive with the big guns, and the side are ready to have a go at the competition.

MONARO PANTHERS
(last season: did not compete in men's competition in 2009)

It's a welcome back to Premier League action for the Monaro Panthers in 2010 as the Queanbeyan based side makes a return to the ACT Premier League after an absence of eight years.

Monaro last graced a top-flight league lad-

der in the 2002 season, where they placed fourth before bowing out in a convoluted finals series. The Panthers then stepped down from senior football to concentrate on developing their junior section—with much success.

However, it was a blow to lose a competitive team that had been crowned ACT Premiers in 1999 after upsetting League Champions, and favourites, Capital City Suns 1-0 in the Grand Final decider. The return of Monaro brings an added dimension to the battle for the Gatorade Premier League title.

Early signs from their truncated Federation Cup campaign suggests that the Panthers are very much a work in progress. A loss to ANU FC (Premier Pathway League) and heavy defeats to Canberra Olympic and Canberra City were not the ideal preparation for life in the top flight but there is enough quality in the squad to suggest that things will improve for John Bull and his team.

The acquisition of a proven goalscorer in former O'Connor Knights hit man, Goran Veljanovski, is a major boost. With a proven track record at this level the striker brings a wealth of experience along with his ability to frequently find the target.

TUGGERANONG UNITED
(last season: 5th)

These look like difficult days for Tuggeranong United. Having been shorn of the vast majority of their first grade team from 2009 and been humbled in the Federation Cup by State League Weston Creek, it's a new look Tuggeranong side that takes to the field for the Gatorade Premier League season.

However, despite these difficulties the club is enthusiastic about the 2010 season. "Pre-season training has been going well and the new squad has been taking shape," Head Coach Darren Viskovich said. "This year's squad has a number of 2009's young successful pathway and under-18 club players which is promising.

Young players such as Ashley Collins, Aaron Cashman, Daniel Beaumont, Tim Anderson, Daniel Mountrey and Martin Currujo all had good seasons in 2009 in the Tuggeranong United Pathway and under-18 teams." As well as the aforementioned players United have promoted from within their state league ranks and looked further afield to bolster the squad. "We have Luke Shepherd from our Division Three team stepping up and so far he has shown promising form and looks to be ready to shine in Premier League," Viskovich commented. "Timothy Stewart has moved to Canberra from Sydney and has joined us from Sydney University and looks to be a high calibre player which will bolster our midfield stock."

There remain some mainstays of the club from the 2009 finals push and it's to these players that the club will look to for guidance during these truculent times.

WODEN VALLEY
(last season: 8th)

Season 2010 promises to be exciting times for Woden Valley who have a new coach and new-look squad as they head into the Gatorade Premier League season. Head Coach Pat McCann has taken charge at Woden Enclosed and has an eclectic group of youngsters at his disposal. Leading the pack is the talented striker Lukas Cole. Cole, who struck six goals in the pre-season Federation Cup tournament in only four matches, has had trials in the UK and is blessed with excellent acceleration and neat ball control. Allied to Cole is new signing Kole Aitken, another forward with a decent touch who has been plucked from Champions Canberra FC where he struggled to nail down a regular berth in their star-studded line-up. With the attacking stocks well loaded, it's defensively where Woden let themselves down in the Federation Cup competition. They leaked sixteen goals in four matches, at an average of four goals per game, with their quarter-final exit at the hands of eventual runner's-up Goulburn Strikers the nadir as a 2-6 defeat testifies. The club has lofty ambitions however and continued their pre-season signings by bringing exciting attacking midfielder Carlos Salazar over from the USA where he has been playing for Seaton Hall. It will be interesting to see how the exciting prospect settles into life in Canberra.



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Souvlaki Hut FOz Cup Kicks-Off!

By Adam Hussein

The Souvlaki Hut Cup was back in town after a long and event filled wait. The cup rewards the LEGEA V-Leagues top 8 finishers with a second chance at silverware and prize money. Last year FC Prahran beat FC Essendon in a thriller in front of a large buzzing crowd. This year may prove to be even better than the last with 8 stronger teams and a \$3000 kitty of cash to play for!

Match One FC Prahran 18 vs. 5 FC Carlton

Last seasons inaugural Souvlaki Hut FOz Cup winners FC Prahran (who finished 4th in the regular season) took on 5th placed FC Carlton in what was building up to be an exciting encounter. It was for the first 5 minutes as it was high intensity end to end stuff. Carlton even opened the scoring before going on to be completely battered by Prahran. Carlton was missing several first teamers, not helped by goalkeeper of the year Dianoosh Rasoulzadeh & Hamid Hassinakhoo transfers to North Melbourne. Prahran were missing Ahmed Muktar but were at their scintillating best.

Prahran ran riot past a 5 man Carlton side that huffed and puffed but didn't not look a collective unit. Prahran scored goals from everywhere; even goalkeeper Dima Shakhonov wanted a piece of the action! Carlton frustrations boiled over into the aftermath of the game with several changes being made for the next season. Prahran cruise into the semi finals, they would play the winner of the Pascoe Vale / Essendon game. A great performance all round from Prahran, led by Maxim Avram & Haider Noor. Sides underestimate Prahran at their own peril.

Match Two Nth Melb FC 3 vs. 2 Ashburton FC

Juggernaut North Melbourne FC took on the green machine Ashburton in the night's second clash. This was dubbed as the white wash of the card but it wasn't to be. North Melbourne was without regulars Fernando De Moraes, Jon Barrientos & Mirza Pedic. Ashburton didn't have a full squad either with Dixon ill & Da Silva unavailable, they did welcome in Serar Issa who did a stellar job scoring a goal and working tirelessly for his

new side. North Melbourne took a while to get going and their rotations and set play routines appeared a little disrupted with the introduction of Rasoulzadeh & Hassinikhoo.

Ashburton capitalized on this by congesting the middle of the court blocking off any central options. North Melbourne lacked a solid target to feed off with Kui Mu & Alinejad unable to hold the ball up. It was always going to be a tight game, North Melbourne held a 1-0 lead for ages after a freak goal & the second was much the same. The third was well worked but it just fired up Ashburton even more. Issa & then Nalpantidis scored to send the game down to the wire. North Melbourne chewed up the dying stages to prevent any late drama a fitting finish to a great game.

INTERMISSION & PRESENTATION
There was a slight break as the LEGEA V-LEAGUE premiership Champions, Pascoe Vale FC were presented with the V-LEAGUE premiership Trophy and collected the \$5000. (Prize money)

State League champions Hume FC were also presented with the State LEAGUE Championship trophy and a place in the prestigious LEGEA V-LEAGUE Premiership.

Other honors handed out on the night
• Manager of the season: Milton Sakkos (North Melbourne FC)
• Golden Boot: Alexander Stevanovic (FC Essendon - 3rd time running!)
• Goalkeeper award: Dianoosh Rasoulzadeh (FC Carlton & now North Melb)
• Most Valuable Team Player: Fernando De Moraes (North Melb)
• Best & Fairest: Tomislav Grgic (Pascoe Vale FC)

Match Three Pascoe Vale FC 7 vs. 6 FC Essendon

Fans were filling the Victoria street stadium in time to see former champs FC Essendon take on current champs Pascoe Vale FC. This was also dubbed as a white wash but it was far from it. Essendon rattled the champions and scored goal after goal. They were 6-1 up at half time and looked to be in cruise control. Superstar signing from Albert Park FC Ignat Fili-povic seemed to answer all the problems Essendon had during the regular season that saw them finish 8th. He was here,



Pascoe Vale FC -
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there and everywhere like a bad rash on a Pascoe Vale side that looked astonished with Simsek, Barbosa Jnr & Lascaris all shocked.

This game had plenty of controversial decisions, none other than an Ernie Simsek handball off the line. There was no love lost between the youngsters in black and white and the experienced in red. This game wasn't over yet though, Pascoe Vale slowly chipped their way back into the contest with well worked goals. It was a compounding momentum that punished Essendon, every goal scored seemed to take away any remaining energy while it boosted Pascoe Vale for more and more. The game finished 6-6 and went into extra time golden goal but there was only going to be one winner. The 2009-10 Best & Fairest player Tomislav Grgic stepped up to the plate and unleashed a half court thumper into the top corner sending Victoria Street into a frenzy & Pascoe Vale into the next round.

PHOTOS BY MATT MONTGOMERY

Match Four Metropolitan FC 9 vs. 7 Fitzroy FC

After the previous match, nobody left their seat as Metro took on Fitzroy. Fitzroy had the wood on them beating them 8-3 convincingly in the previous encounter. Fitzroy introduced John Paul Saad & Brenno Polatti with Manny Karas & Ahmed Azzam unavailable. Metro arrived with Alem Ljuca planning on playing but he hadn't played the sufficient 5 V-League games to qualify for the cup and was ruled out ineligible to play. Metro came out of the blocks as they pressed high up the court & crumbed most second efforts.

It was 3 - 1 to Fitzroy early, Dimitri Vithoulkas & Leonardo Correa were highly effective for Fitzroy and they were lonely figures though. Metro on the other hand played a much better all round game sharing the goals around with vital strikes from Jusuf Avdic & Husmir Ikanovic sealing the deal. Metro hit the front with a two goal buffer late in the second half banished Fitzroy and ensured Metropolitan march into the semi final against North Melbourne, a side they fancy there chances against.

Group 1 Round 1 Knock Out Results Wed March 31

- 8:45 1st Pascoe Vale FC
v 8th FC Essendon 7 - 6
- 7:15 4th FC Prahran
v 5th FC Carlton 18 - 5

Group 2 Round 1 knock out Results Wed March 31

- 8:00 2nd Nth Melbourne FC
v 7th Ashburton FC 3 - 2
- 9:30 3rd Fitzroy FC
v 6th Metropolitan FC 7 - 9

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Has Ballarat hit the jackpot?

By Craig MacKenzie

BALLARAT Red Devils may have completed the coaching coup of the Victorian season with the appointment of former South African Premier Division professional Dale Harris.

The ex-Platinum Stars striker only arrived in Geelong late last year with wife Giselle, step-daughter Stephani and son Tristan after Giselle Harris secured employment as a radiographer.

Provisional One North-West outfit Corio thought that it had secured Harris's signature as coach before the Red Devils stepped in and under the persuasive influence of chairman Andrew Burgess the 31-year-old decided to head a few divisions higher.

Harris was a prolific scorer in his native country and his playing career was highlighted by a 101-goal haul in 93 games for Young Brazilians, the semi-pro outfit that Platinum Stars bought him from.

But his playing days at elite club level ended in bizarre circumstances during his time with the Phokeng-based Stars when he was waiting to board a flight for a game in Durban as a 23-year-old.

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During his year-long rehabilitation he became involved in coaching at the club's academy. But when he was fit to play again the club refused to release him and to make matters worse placed a prohibitive transfer fee on his head. "It was a no-win situation for me," said Harris. But his situation changed dra-

matically when Platinum Stars sacked him from his coaching role.

Harris became involved with Portuguese-backed Luso Africa and coached their women's team. He took on that role after they narrowly avoided relegation but under his guidance the side won promotion two years running without losing a game and in its first season in professional ranks it lost just three matches eventually finishing in third place.

"A few of the girls got recognised at national team level which was great," said Harris.

By now Harris also was gaining recognition as a coach and one day an agent phoned to ask if he would be interested in being involved in a movie called 'Finding Lenny'.

Described by the PR company as "a revealing comedy with balls" the soccer-based film was released last year and if you grab a DVD you'll see Harris playing the part of the referee.

"That was a funny story actually. The director started off with a proper professional referee, an Angolan guy, but he kept smiling at the camera so he ended up getting sacked."

Not only did Harris fulfil that role he also arranged much of the football choreography in the film and was its official technical adviser.

Harris is a close friend of former South African international striker Phil Masinga, the ex-Leeds United and Bari star. Masinga and fellow South African international Mark Fish feature in the film.

So Harris clearly has plenty of contacts in that part of the world as evidenced by the pending arrival of two South African



Ballarat Red Devils' new head coach, Dale Harris.

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players for the Red Devils (see story below).

Once Harris agreed to terms with Ballarat he wasted no time in reviewing then revamping what he identified as a playing style that didn't suit his squad.

"I arranged trials from our under-16s up and I got tapes from last season and watched them closely," he said.

"Last season we played a long-ball style of game but this season we have promoted a lot of younger players and we have changed to a shorter-passing style that involves the wing backs and much more movement.

"I like to think we combine an African style with Australian muscle."

English import Michael Leslie, ex-Notts County, has returned for a second spell as a visa player and will again be

used in central defence.

He was joined recently by 21-year-old countryman Leigh Sissons, a left-sided midfielder who came through Arsenal's youth academy.

It's expected that at least four or five of the youngsters promoted by Harris will figure prominently throughout the season, among them Daniel Tinker and 16-year-old Tanzanian right wing-back Charlie King.

King's 18-year-old brother, David, a central defender, also has been brought into the senior squad as has another 18-year-old, Kyran Taylor, a left-sided player whom Harris describes as quick and skilful.

Harris is also pleased with the development of 17-year-old Will Georgiou who has been converted from a central mid-

fielder to a left wing-back.

However, the demanding Harris is less pleased with a prevalent attitude at the club and he has confronted the issue throughout the pre-season.

"Everyone talks about Melbourne this and Melbourne that as if we're the poor cousins of the league," he said.

"I hate that. I can tell you now that I am an extremely competitive person and I have never played for or coached a club that has finished outside the top three." And if that doesn't throw down the gauntlet to every other club in the league then goodness knows what will.

We'll be watching Ballarat's season unfold with particular interest this time around.

Red Devils sign South African duo

By Craig MacKenzie

BALLARAT Red Devils will create their own piece of Victorian football history on Friday when the first of two South African imports arrives to bolster the State Two North-West outfit.

In what is a first for the Haymes-sponsored outfit, the progressive club will welcome Kameholo Maolosi, a 21-year-old striker from Premier Division club Platinum Stars.

Maolosi has been playing in the Stars reserves for the past few years but has averaged 24 goals a season and his signature was clinched by new Red Devils coach Dale Harris, a former Platinum Stars striker who only arrived in Australia

late last year.

Harris also has clinched the signature of 19-year-old central midfielder Fulvio Perreira from Luso Africa's sporting academy. Perreira will arrive the following week.

But Harris will shun the temptation of rushing both youngsters into his starting line-up.

"Kameholo is a really good young boy. He's strong, quick, good in the air, but he still has to prove his worth when he comes here," said Harris.

"Fulvio is very creative. I see him as our version of Deco and that's the role he can slot into in our team. He's been a semi-pro and played senior football for a few seasons now."

Ballarat's re-emergence over the past

few years as a power in Victorian football will be enhanced should both imports prove their worth in what is one of the most impressive growth areas for the sport in Victoria.

Early last month Ballarat mayor Councillor Judy Verlin officially announced the city's bid to become a FIFA World Cup training facility should Australia's bid to host the 2018 or 2022 finals be successful.

Councillor Verlin signed the FIFA World Cup Training Site Agreement at Morshead Park, the proposed site of an \$8.6 million regional soccer facility currently in the initial stages of development.

The final design for the facility will include a 300-seater grandstand, a mem-



bers' standing area, changing facilities for four teams, a commercial kitchen, two synthetic pitches and two turf pitches.

Work already has commenced on the first synthetic pitch which has been funded by the State Government to the tune of \$1 million.

Two of the Red Devils' most promis-

ing juniors, Daniel Tinker and Charlie King, gained selection in early March in a Nike-sponsored development squad organised through Football Federation Victoria.

FFV nominated the youngsters after their performances for Wimmera South in the 2009/10 Victorian Champions League under-18s competition.

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Sat 10 Apr KO 3pm Langwarrin v Western Suburbs
Lawton Park Reserve
Sat 10 Apr KO 3pm Pascoe Vale v Preston Lions
Hosken Reserve
Sun 12 Apr KO 8:30pm Bulleen Lions v W'sea Zebras
Veneto Social Club
Sun 12 Apr KO 8:30pm Springvale WE v Malvern City
White Eagles Stadium

Round 2
Sat 17 Apr KO 3pm Nth Geelong v Springvale WE
Elcho Park
Sat 17 Apr KO 3pm Malvern City v Bulleen Lions
Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Sun 18 Apr KO 3pm Whittlesea Zebras v Clifton Hill
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sun 18 Apr KO 3pm Fawknor Blues v Langwarrin
CB Smith Reserve
Sun 18 Apr KO 3pm Preston Lions v St Albans
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 18 Apr KO 3pm Western Suburbs v Pascoe Vale
Ralph Reserve

Round 3
Sat 24 Apr KO 3pm Langwarrin v Clifton Hill
Lawton Park Reserve
Sat 24 Apr KO 3pm Pascoe Vale v Fawknor Blues
Hosken Reserve
Sat 24 Apr KO 3pm Malvern City v Whittlesea Zebras
Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Sun 25 Apr KO 3pm St Albans v Western Suburbs
Churchill Reserve
Mon 26 Apr KO 8:30pm Bulleen Lions v Nth Geelong
Veneto Social Club
Mon 26 Apr KO 8:30pm Springvale WE v Preston
White Eagles Stadium

Round 4
Fri 30 Apr KO 8:30pm Nth Geelong v Malvern City
Elcho Park
Sat 1 May KO 3pm Clifton Hill v Pascoe Vale
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Sun 2 May KO 3pm Whittlesea Zebras v Langwarrin
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sun 2 May KO 3pm Fawknor Blues v St Albans
CB Smith Reserve
Sun 2 May KO 3pm Preston Lions v Bulleen Lions
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 2 May KO 3pm Western Suburb v Springvale WE
Ralph Reserve

Round 5
Fri 7 May KO 8:30pm Nth Geelong v W'sea Zebras
Elcho Park
Sat 8 May KO 3pm Pascoe Vale v Langwarrin
Hosken Reserve
Sat 8 May KO 3pm Malvern City v Preston Lions
John Cain Memorial Park
Sun 9 May KO 3pm St Albans Saints v Clifton Hill
Churchill Reserve
Mon 10 May KO 8:30pm Bulleen Lions v W Suburbs
Veneto Social Club
Mon 10 May KO 8:30pm Springvale WE v Fawknor
White Eagles Stadium

Round 6
Sat 15 May KO 3pm Clifton Hill v Springvale WE
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Sat 15 May KO 3pm Langwarrin v St Albans Saints
Lawton Park Reserve
Sun 16 May KO 3pm Whittlesea Zebras v Pascoe Vale
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sun 16 May KO 3pm Fawknor Blues v Bulleen Lions
CB Smith Reserve
Sun 16 May KO 3pm Preston Lions v Nth Geelong
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 16 May KO 3pm Western Suburbs v Malvern City
Ralph Reserve

Round 7
Fri 21 May KO 8:30pm Nth Geelong v W Suburbs
Elcho Park
Sat 22 May KO 3pm Malvern City v Fawknor Blues
Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Sun 23 May KO 3pm Preston Lions v W'sea Zebras
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 23 May KO 3pm St Albans Saints v Pascoe Vale
Churchill Reserve
Mon 24 May KO 8:30pm Bulleen Lions v Clifton Hill
Veneto Social Club
Mon 24 May KO 8:30pm Springvale WE v Langwarrin
White Eagles Stadium

Round 8
Sat 29 May KO 3pm Clifton Hill v Malvern City
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Sat 29 May KO 3pm Langwarrin v Bulleen Lions
Lawton Park Reserve
Sat 29 May KO 3pm Pascoe Vale v Springvale WE
Hosken Reserve
Sun 30 May KO 3pm Whittlesea Zebras v St Albans
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sun 30 May KO 3pm Fawknor Blues v Nth Geelong
CB Smith Reserve
Sun 30 May KO 3pm W Suburbs v Preston Lions
Ralph Reserve

Round 9
Fri 4 Jun KO 8:30pm Nth Geelong v Clifton Hill
Elcho Park
Sat 5 Jun KO 3pm Malvern City v Langwarrin
Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Sun 6 Jun KO 3pm Preston Lions v Fawknor Blues
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 6 Jun KO 3pm Springvale WE v St Albans Saints
White Eagles Stadium
Sun 6 Jun KO 3pm Western Suburbs v W'sea Zebras
Ralph Reserve
Mon 7 Jun KO 8:30pm Bulleen Lions v Pascoe Vale
Veneto Social Club

Round 10
Sat 19 Jun KO 3pm Clifton Hill v Preston Lions
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Sat 19 Jun KO 3pm Langwarrin v Nth Geelong
Lawton Park Reserve
Sat 19 Jun KO 3pm Pascoe Vale v Malvern City
Hosken Reserve
Sun 20 Jun KO 3pm Fawknor Blues v W Suburbs
CB Smith Reserve
Sun 20 Jun KO 3pm St Albans v Bulleen Lions
Churchill Reserve
Mon 21 Jun KO 8:30pm Springvale WE v W Zebras
White Eagles Stadium

Round 11
Fri 25 Jun KO 8:30pm Nth Geelong v Pascoe Vale
Elcho Park
Sat 26 Jun KO 3pm Malvern City v St Albans Saints
Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Sun 27 Jun KO 3pm Whittlesea Zebras v Fawknor
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sun 27 Jun KO 3pm Preston Lions v Langwarrin
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 27 Jun KO 3pm Western Suburbs v Clifton Hill
Ralph Reserve
Mon 28 Jun KO 8:30pm Bulleen Lions v S'vale WE
Veneto Social Club

Round 12
Fri 2 Jul KO 8:30pm Nth Geelong v St Albans Saints
Elcho Park
Sat 3 Jul KO 3pm Malvern City v Springvale WE
Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Sun 4 Jul KO 3pm Whittlesea Zebras v Bulleen Lions
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sun 4 Jul KO 3pm Fawknor Blues v Clifton Hill
CB Smith Reserve
Sun 4 Jul KO 3pm Preston Lions v Pascoe Vale
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 4 Jul KO 3pm Western Suburbs v Langwarrin
Ralph Reserve

Round 13 Call To Arms Round
Sat 10 Jul KO 3pm Clifton Hill v Whittlesea Zebras
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Sat 10 Jul KO 3pm Langwarrin v Fawknor Blues
Lawton Park Reserve
Sat 10 Jul KO 3pm Pascoe Vale v Western Suburbs
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Sat 10 Jul KO 3pm Springvale WE v Nth Geelong
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Mon 12 Jul KO 8:30pm Bulleen Lions v Malvern City
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Round 14
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Elcho Park
Sat 17 Jul KO 3pm Clifton Hill v Langwarrin
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Sun 18 Jul KO 3pm Whittlesea Zebras v Malvern City
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sun 18 Jul KO 3pm Fawknor Blues v Pascoe Vale
CB Smith Reserve
Sun 18 Jul KO 3pm Preston Lions v Springvale WE
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 18 Jul KO 3pm Western Suburbs v St Albans
Ralph Reserve

Round 15
Sat 24 Jul KO 3pm Langwarrin v Whittlesea Zebras
Lawton Park Reserve
Sat 24 Jul KO 3pm Pascoe Vale v Clifton Hill
Hosken Reserve
Sat 24 Jul KO 3pm Malvern City v Nth Geelong
Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Sun 25 Jul KO 3pm St Albans Saints v Fawknor
Churchill Reserve
Mon 26 Jul KO 8:30pm Bulleen Lions v Preston
Veneto Social Club
Mon 26 Jul KO 8:30pm Springvale WE v W Suburbs
White Eagles Stadium

Round 16
Sat 31 Jul KO 3pm Clifton Hill v St Albans Saints
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Sat 31 Jul KO 3pm Langwarrin v Pascoe Vale
Lawton Park Reserve
Sun 1 Aug KO 3pm Whittlesea Zebras v Nth Geelong
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sun 1 Aug KO 3pm Fawknor Blues v Springvale WE
CB Smith Reserve
Sun 1 Aug KO 3pm Preston Lions v Malvern City
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 1 Aug KO 3pm Western Suburbs v Bulleen Lions
Ralph Reserve

Round 17
Fri 6 Aug KO 8:30pm Nth Geelong v Preston Lions
Elcho Park
Sat 7 Aug KO 3pm Pascoe Vale v Whittlesea Zebras
Hosken Reserve
Sat 7 Aug KO 3pm Malvern City v Western Suburbs
Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Sun 8 Aug KO 3pm St Albans Saints v Langwarrin
Churchill Reserve
Mon 9 Aug KO 8:30pm Bulleen Lions v Fawknor
Veneto Social Club
Mon 9 Aug KO 8:30pm Springvale WE v Clifton Hill
White Eagles Stadium

Round 18
Sat 14 Aug KO 3pm Clifton Hill v Bulleen Lions
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Sat 14 Aug KO 3pm Langwarrin v Springvale WE
Lawton Park Reserve
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Hosken Reserve
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Ralph Reserve

Round 19
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Elcho Park
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Churchill Reserve
Sun 23 Aug KO 8:30pm Bulleen Lions v Langwarrin
Veneto Social Club
Sun 23 Aug KO 8:30pm Springvale WE v Pascoe Vale
White Eagles Stadium

Round 20
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Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Sat 28 Aug KO 3pm Langwarrin v Malvern City
Lawton Park Reserve
Sat 28 Aug KO 3pm Pascoe Vale v Bulleen Lions
Hosken Reserve
Sun 29 Aug KO 3pm W'sea Zebras v W Suburbs
Emerald Secondary College
Sun 29 Aug KO 3pm Fawknor Blues v Preston Lions
CB Smith Reserve
Sun 29 Aug KO 3pm St Albans v Springvale WE
Churchill Reserve

Round 21
Sat 4 Sep KO 3pm Nth Geelong v Langwarrin
Elcho Park
Sun 5 Sep KO 3pm W'sea Zebras v Springvale WE
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sun 5 Sep KO 3pm Preston Lions v Clifton Hill
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 5 Sep KO 3pm Malvern City v Pascoe Vale
John Cain Memorial Park
Sun 5 Sep KO 3pm Western Suburbs v Fawknor
Ralph Reserve
Mon 6 Sep KO 8:30pm Bulleen Lions v St Albans
Veneto Social Club

Round 22
Sat 11 Sep KO 3pm Fawknor v Whittlesea Zebras
CB Smith Reserve
Sat 11 Sep KO 3pm Clifton Hill v Western Suburbs
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Sat 11 Sep KO 3pm Langwarrin v Preston Lions
Lawton Park Reserve
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White Eagles Stadium
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Churchill Reserve



St Albans Saints would have romped away with the Division One title if it wasn't for a nine point deduction. With only three points deducted this time around, no doubt "Dinamo" will be hot promotion favourites in 2010. PHOTO: STEVE STAREK

PREVIOUS STATE LEAGUE DIV ONE CHAMPIONS

2009 Northcote City
2008 Sunshine Georgies
2007 Frankston Pines
2006 Western Suburbs
2005 Kingston City

2004 Heidelberg United
2003 Oakleigh Cannons
2002 Frankston Pines
2001 Whittlesea Stallions
2000 South Dandenong



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Round 1
Sat 10 Apr KO 3pm Casey Comets v Frankston Pines
Comets Stadium
Sat 10 Apr KO 3pm Morwell Pegasus v Eastern Lions
Ronald Reserve
Sat 10 Apr KO 3pm Diamond V Utd v D'ster Rovers
Partington Flats
Sat 10 Apr KO 3pm Heatherton Utd v D'ning City
Bosnia & Herzegovina Centre
Sat 10 Apr KO 3pm Knox City v Berwick City
Egan Lee Reserve
Sat 10 Apr KO 3pm Sthn Suburbs v Sthn Stars
Keeley Park

Round 2
Fri 16 Apr KO 8.30pm Don Rovers v Frankston Pines
Anderson Park
Sat 17 Apr KO 3pm Casey Comets v Knox City
Comets Stadium
Sat 17 Apr KO 3pm Berwick City v Southern Suburbs
Jack Thomas Reserve
Sat 17 Apr KO 3pm Dandenong City v Eastern Lions
Frank Holohan Soccer Reserve
Sat 17 Apr KO 3pm Heatherton Utd v Southern Stars
Bosnia & Herzegovina Centre
Sat 17 Apr KO 3pm Morwell Peg v Diamond V Utd
Ronald Reserve

Round 3
Sat 24 Apr KO 3pm Eastern Lions v Southern Stars
Gardiners Creek Reserve
Sat 24 Apr KO 3pm D'ning City v Morwell Pegasus
Frank Holohan Soccer Reserve
Sat 24 Apr KO 3pm Heatherton Utd v Berwick City
Bosnia & Herzegovina Centre
Sat 24 Apr KO 3pm Knox City v Doncaster Rovers
Egan Lee Reserve
Sat 24 Apr KO 3pm Sthn Suburbs v Casey Comets
Keeley Park
Sat 24 Apr KO 7pm F'ston Pines v Diamond V Utd
Monterey Reserve

Round 4
Fri 30 Apr KO 8.30pm D'ster Rovers v Sthn Suburbs
Anderson Park
Sat 1 May KO 3pm Casey Comets v Heatherton Utd
Comets Stadium
Sat 1 May KO 3pm Berwick City v Eastern Lions
Jack Thomas Reserve
Sat 1 May KO 3pm Diamond Valley Utd v Knox City
Partington Flats
Sat 1 May KO 3pm Southern Stars v Dandenong City
Ross Reserve
Sat 1 May KO 3pm Morwell Peg v Frankston Pines
Ronald Reserve

Round 5
Sat 8 May KO 3pm Eastern Lions v Casey Comets
Gardiners Creek Reserve
Sat 8 May KO 3pm Dandenong City v Berwick City
Frank Holohan Soccer Reserve
Sat 8 May KO 3pm Sthn Stars v Morwell Pegasus
Ross Reserve
Sat 8 May KO 3pm Heatherton Utd v D'ster Rovers
Bosnia & Herzegovina Centre
Sat 8 May KO 3pm Knox City v Frankston Pines
Egan Lee Reserve
Sat 8 May KO 3pm Sthn Suburbs v Diamond V Utd
Keeley Park

Round 6
Fri 14 May KO 8.30pm D'ster Rovers v Eastern Lions
Anderson Park
Sat 15 May KO 3pm Casey Comets v D'ning City
Comets Stadium
Sat 15 May KO 3pm Berwick City v Southern Stars
Jack Thomas Reserve
Sat 15 May KO 3pm Diamond V Utd v Heatherton Utd
Partington Flats
Sat 15 May KO 3pm Morwell Pegasus v Knox City
Ronald Reserve
Sat 15 May KO 7pm Frankston Pines v Sthn Suburbs
Monterey Reserve

Round 7
Sat 22 May KO 3pm Eastern Lions v Diamond V Utd
Gardiners Creek Reserve
Sat 22 May KO 3pm Berwick City v Morwell Pegasus
Jack Thomas Reserve
Sat 22 May KO 3pm D'ning City v Doncaster Rovers
Frank Holohan Soccer Reserve
Sat 22 May KO 3pm Southern Stars v Casey Comets
Ross Reserve
Sat 22 May KO 3pm Heatherton Utd v F'ston Pines
Bosnia & Herzegovina Centre
Sat 22 May KO 3pm Southern Suburbs v Knox City
Keeley Park

Round 8
Fri 28 May KO 8.30pm Don Rovers v Sthn Stars
Anderson Park
Sat 29 May KO 3pm Casey Comets v Berwick City
Comets Stadium
Sat 29 May KO 3pm Diamond V Utd v D'ning City
Partington Flats
Sat 29 May KO 3pm Knox City v Heatherton Utd
Egan Lee Reserve
Sat 29 May KO 3pm Morwell Peg v Sthn Suburbs
Ronald Reserve
Sat 29 May KO 7pm Frankston Pines v Eastern Lions
Monterey Reserve

Round 9
Sat 5 Jun KO 3pm Casey Comets v Morwell Pegasus
Comets Stadium
Sat 5 Jun KO 3pm Eastern Lions v Knox City
Gardiners Creek Reserve
Sat 5 Jun KO 3pm Berwick City v Doncaster Rovers
Jack Thomas Reserve
Sat 5 Jun KO 3pm D'ning City v Frankston Pines
Frank Holohan Soccer Reserve
Sat 5 Jun KO 3pm Southern Stars v Diamond V Utd
Ross Reserve
Sat 5 Jun KO 3pm Heatherton Utd v Sthn Suburbs
Bosnia & Herzegovina Centre

Round 10
Fri 18 Jun KO 8.30pm Don Rovers v Casey Comets
Anderson Park
Sat 19 Jun KO 3pm Diamond V Utd v Berwick City
Partington Flats
Sat 19 Jun KO 3pm Heatherton Utd v Morwell Peg
Bosnia & Herzegovina Centre
Sat 19 Jun KO 3pm Knox City v Dandenong City
Egan Lee Reserve
Sat 19 Jun KO 3pm Sthn Suburbs v Eastern Lions
Keeley Park
Sat 19 Jun KO 7pm Frankston Pines v Sthn Stars
Monterey Reserve

Round 11
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Comets Stadium
Sat 26 Jun KO 3pm Eastern Lions v Heatherton Utd
Gardiners Creek Reserve
Sat 26 Jun KO 3pm Berwick City v Frankston Pines
Jack Thomas Reserve
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Frank Holohan Soccer Reserve
Sat 26 Jun KO 3pm Southern Stars v Knox City
Ross Reserve
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Ronald Reserve

Round 12
Fri 2 Jul KO 8.30pm Don Rovers v Diamond V Utd
Anderson Park
Sat 3 Jul KO 3pm Berwick City v Knox City
Jack Thomas Reserve
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Frank Holohan Soccer Reserve
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Ross Reserve
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Gardiners Creek Reserve
Sat 3 Jul KO 7pm Frankston Pines v Casey Comets
Comets Stadium

Round 13 Call To Arms Round
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Gardiners Creek Reserve
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Partington Flats
Sat 10 Jul KO 3pm Southern Stars v Heatherton Utd
Ross Reserve
Sat 10 Jul KO 3pm Knox City v Casey Comets
Egan Lee Reserve
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Keeley Park
Sat 10 Jul KO 7pm Frankston Pines v Don Rovers
Monterey Reserve

Round 14
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Anderson Park
Sat 17 Jul KO 3pm Casey Comets v Sthn Suburbs
Comets Stadium
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Jack Thomas Reserve
Sat 17 Jul KO 3pm Diamond V Utd v Frankston Pines
Partington Flats
Sat 17 Jul KO 3pm Southern Stars v Eastern Lions
Ross Reserve
Sat 17 Jul KO 3pm Morwell Peg v Dandenong City
Ronald Reserve

Round 15
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Gardiners Creek Reserve
Sat 24 Jul KO 3pm Dandenong City v Southern Stars
Frank Holohan Soccer Reserve
Sat 24 Jul KO 3pm Heatherton Utd v Casey Comets
Bosnia & Herzegovina Centre
Sat 24 Jul KO 3pm Knox City v Diamond Valley Utd
Egan Lee Reserve
Sat 24 Jul KO 3pm Sthn Suburbs v D'ster Rovers
Keeley Park
Sat 24 Jul KO 7pm Frankston Pines v Morwell Peg
Monterey Reserve

Round 16
Fri 30 Jul KO 8.30pm Don Rovers v Heatherton Utd
Anderson Park
Sat 31 Jul KO 3pm Casey Comets v Eastern Lions
Comets Stadium
Sat 31 Jul KO 3pm Berwick City v Dandenong City
Jack Thomas Reserve
Sat 31 Jul KO 3pm Diamond V Utd v Sthn Suburbs
Partington Flats
Sat 31 Jul KO 3pm Morwell Pegasus v Sthn Stars
Ronald Reserve
Sat 31 Jul KO 7pm Frankston Pines v Knox City
Monterey Reserve

Round 17
Sat 7 Aug KO 3pm Eastern Lions v Doncaster Rovers
Gardiners Creek Reserve
Sat 7 Aug KO 3pm Dandenong City v Casey Comets
Frank Holohan Soccer Reserve
Sat 7 Aug KO 3pm Southern Stars v Berwick City
Ross Reserve
Sat 7 Aug KO 3pm Heatherton Utd v Diamond V Utd
Bosnia & Herzegovina Centre
Sat 7 Aug KO 3pm Knox City v Morwell Pegasus
Egan Lee Reserve
Sat 7 Aug KO 3pm Sthn Suburbs v Frankston Pines
Keeley Park

Round 18
Fri 13 Aug KO 8.30pm Don Rovers v Dandenong City
Anderson Park
Sat 14 Aug KO 3pm F'ston Pines v Heatherton Utd
Monterey Reserve
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Comets Stadium
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Egan Lee Reserve
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Ronald Reserve

Round 19
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Gardiners Creek Reserve
Sat 21 Aug KO 3pm Berwick City v Casey Comets
Jack Thomas Reserve
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Frank Holohan Soccer Reserve
Sat 21 Aug KO 3pm Sthn Stars v Doncaster Rovers
Ross Reserve
Sat 21 Aug KO 3pm Heatherton Utd v Knox City
Bosnia & Herzegovina Centre
Sat 21 Aug KO 3pm Sthn Suburbs v Morwell Peg
Keeley Park

Round 20
Fri 27 Aug KO 8.30pm Don Rovers v Berwick City
Anderson Park
Sat 28 Aug KO 3pm Frankston Pines v D'ning City
Monterey Reserve
Sat 28 Aug KO 3pm Diamond Valley Utd v Sthn Stars
Partington Flats
Sat 28 Aug KO 3pm Knox City v Eastern Lions
Egan Lee Reserve
Sat 28 Aug KO 3pm Morwell Peg v Casey Comets
Ronald Reserve
Sat 28 Aug KO 3pm Sthn Suburbs v Heatherton Utd
Keeley Park

Round 21
Sat 4 Sep KO 3pm Casey Comets v Don Rovers
Comets Stadium
Sat 4 Sep KO 3pm Eastern Lions v Sthn Suburbs
Gardiners Creek Reserve
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Jack Thomas Reserve
Sat 4 Sep KO 3pm Dandenong City v Knox City
Frank Holohan Soccer Reserve
Sat 4 Sep KO 3pm Southern Stars v Frankston Pines
Ross Reserve
Sat 4 Sep KO 3pm Morwell Peg v Heatherton Utd
Ronald Reserve

Round 22
Sat 11 Sep KO 3pm Frankston Pines v Berwick City
Monterey Reserve
Sat 11 Sep KO 3pm Diamond V Utd v Casey Comets
Partington Flats
Sat 11 Sep KO 3pm Don Rovers v Morwell Pegasus
Anderson Park
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Keeley Park

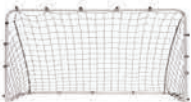


Joe Carroll hopes to guide Berwick City to successive titles in 2010.
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PREVIOUS STATE LEAGUE DIV TWO SE CHAMPIONS

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| 2009 Malvern City | 2004 Langwarrin |
| 2008 Northcote City | 2003 Richmond Eagles |
| 2007 FC Clifton Hill | 2002 Kingston City |
| 2006 Cranbourne Comets | 2001 Knox City |
| 2005 Springvale White Eagles | 2000 Frankston Strikers |

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SOCCER CLINICS
SKILLZ (6-12), TINY TOTS (3-5)

Round 1
Fri 9 Apr 8.30pm W'sea Ranges v Geelong Rangers
Epping Soccer Stadium
Fri 9 Apr 8.30pm Port Melbourne v Sydenham Park
SS Anderson Reserve
Sat 10 Apr 3pm Ballarat Red Devils v Moreland City
Trekardo Park
Sat 10 Apr 3pm Brunswick City v Banyule City
Dunstan Reserve
Sat 10 Apr 3pm Werribee City v Altona East Phoenix
Galvin Park Reserve
Sat 10 Apr 3pm Williamstown v Altona City
JT Gray Reserve

Round 2
Sat 17 Apr 3pm Altona City v Werribee City
HC Kim Reserve
Sat 17 Apr 3pm Altona East Phoenix v Port Melb
Paisley Park Soccer Complex
Sat 17 Apr 3pm Banyule City v Whittlesea Ranges
Yallambie Park Reserve
Sat 17 Apr 3pm Geelong Rangers v Williamstown
Myers Reserve
Sat 17 Apr 3pm Moreland City v Brunswick City
Campbell Reserve
Sat 17 Apr 3pm Sydenham Park v Ballarat Red Devils
Keilor Lodge Reserve

Round 3
Fri 23 Apr 8.30pm Whittlesea Ranges v Moreland City
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sat 24 Apr 3pm Altona City v Altona East Phoenix
HC Kim Reserve
Sat 24 Apr 3pm Ballarat Red Devils v Port Melbourne
Trekardo Park
Sat 24 Apr 3pm Brunswick City v Sydenham Park
Dunstan Reserve
Sat 24 Apr 3pm Werribee City v Geelong Rangers
Galvin Park Reserve
Sat 24 Apr 3pm Williamstown v Banyule City
JT Gray Reserve

Round 4
30 Apr 8.30pm Port Melbourne v Brunswick City
SS Anderson Reserve
Sat 1 May 3pm Altona E Phoenix v Ball Red Devils
Paisley Park Soccer Complex
Sat 1 May 3pm Banyule City v Werribee City
Yallambie Park Reserve
Sat 1 May 3pm Geelong Rangers v Altona City
Myers Reserve
Sat 1 May 3pm Moreland City v Williamstown
Campbell Reserve
Sat 1 May 3pm Sydenham Park v Whittlesea Ranges
Keilor Lodge Reserve

Round 5
Fri 7 May 8.30pm Whittlesea Ranges v Port Melb
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sat 8 May 3pm Altona City v Banyule City
HC Kim Reserve
Sat 8 May 3pm Brunswick City v Ballarat Red Devils
Dunstan Reserve
Sat 8 May 3pm Geelong Rangers v Altona E Phoenix
Myers Reserve
Sat 8 May 3pm Werribee City v Moreland City
Galvin Park Reserve
Sat 8 May 3pm Williamstown v Sydenham Park
JT Gray Reserve

Round 6
Fri 14 May 8.30pm Port Melbourne v Williamstown
SS Anderson Reserve
Sat 15 May 3pm Altona E Phoenix v Brunswick City
Paisley Park Soccer Complex
Sat 15 May 3pm Ballarat Red Devils v W'sea Ranges
Trekardo Park
Sat 15 May 3pm Banyule City v Geelong Rangers
Yallambie Park Reserve
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Campbell Reserve
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Keilor Lodge Reserve

Round 7
Fri 21 May 8.30pm W'sea Ranges v Brunswick City
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sat 22 May 3pm Altona City v Sydenham Park
HC Kim Reserve
Sat 22 May 3pm Banyule City v Altona East Phoenix
Yallambie Park Reserve
Sat 22 May 3pm Geelong Rangers v Moreland City
Myers Reserve
Sat 22 May 3pm Werribee City v Port Melbourne
Galvin Park Reserve
Sat 22 May 3pm Williamstown v Ballarat Red Devils
JT Gray Reserve

Round 8
Fri 28 May 8.30pm Port Melbourne v Altona City
SS Anderson Reserve
Sat 29 May 3pm Altona E Phoenix v W'sea Ranges
Paisley Park Soccer Complex
Sat 29 May 3pm Ballarat Red Devils v Werribee City
Trekardo Park
Sat 29 May 3pm Brunswick City v Williamstown
Dunstan Reserve
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Campbell Reserve
Sat 29 May 3pm Sydenham Park v Geelong Rangers
Keilor Lodge Reserve

Round 9
Sat 5 Jun 3pm Altona City v Ballarat Red Devils
HC Kim Reserve
Sat 5 Jun 3pm Banyule City v Sydenham Park
Yallambie Park Reserve
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JT Gray Reserve

Round 10
Fri 18 Jun 8.30pm Whittlesea Ranges v Werribee City
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Sat 19 Jun 3pm B'rat Red Devils v Geelong Rangers
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Round 11
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Sat 28 Aug 3pm Ballarat Red Devils v Altona City
Trekardo Park
Sat 28 Aug 3pm Brunswick City v Werribee City
Dunstan Reserve
Sat 28 Aug 3pm Sydenham Park v Banyule City
Keilor Lodge Reserve

Round 21
Sat 4 Sep 3pm Altona City v Brunswick City
HC Kim Reserve
Sat 4 Sep 3pm Altona East Phoenix v Williamstown
Paisley Park Soccer Complex
Sat 4 Sep 3pm Banyule City v Port Melbourne
Yallambie Park Reserve
Sat 4 Sep 3pm Geelong Rangers v B'rat Red Devils
Myers Reserve
Sat 4 Sep 3pm Moreland City v Sydenham Park
Campbell Reserve
Sat 4 Sep 3pm Werribee City v Whittlesea Ranges
Galvin Park Reserve

Round 22
Sat 11 Sep 3pm Whittlesea Ranges v Altona City
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sat 11 Sep 3pm Port Melbourne v Moreland City
SS Anderson Reserve
Sat 11 Sep 3pm Ballarat Red Devils v Banyule City
Trekardo Park
Sat 11 Sep 3pm Brunswick City v Geelong Rangers
Dunstan Reserve
Sat 11 Sep 3pm Sydenham Park v Altona E Phoenix
Keilor Lodge Reserve
Sat 11 Sep 3pm Williamstown v Werribee City
JT Gray Reserve



Under the leadership of new player-coach, Eric Vassiliadis, Port Melbourne Sharks will be one of the teams to beat in State League NW2 in 2010.

PREVIOUS STATE LEAGUE DIV TWO NW CHAMPIONS

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 2009 Nth Geelong Warriors | 2004 Brunswick City |
| 2008 Pacoe Vale | 2003 Sunshine Georgies |
| 2007 Keilor Park | 2002 Northcote City |
| 2006 Westgate | 2001 Albion Rovers |
| 2005 Nth Geelong Warriors | 2000 Fitzroy City |



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Round 1
Sat 10 Apr 3pm Brandon Park v Waverley Wanderers
Freeway Reserve
Sat 10 Apr 3pm Peninsula Strikers v Croydon City
Centenary Park
Sat 10 Apr 3pm Fitzroy City v Noble Park Utd
Fairfield Park
Sat 10 Apr 3pm South Springvale v Mornington
Warner Reserve
Sat 10 Apr 3pm Springvale City v Kingston City
Ross Reserve
Sun 11 Apr 3pm Nunawading City v North Caulfield
Mahoneys Road Reserve

Round 2
Sat 17 Apr 3pm Peninsula Strikers v Sth Springvale
Centenary Park
Sat 17 Apr 3pm Noble Park Utd v Brandon Park
Parkfield Reserve
Sat 17 Apr 3pm Springvale C v Waverley Wanderers
Ross Reserve
Sat 17 Apr 3pm Mornington v Fitzroy City
Dallas Brooks Park
Sun 18 Apr 3pm North Caulfield v Croydon City
Caulfield Park
Mon 19 Apr 8.30pm Kingston City v Nunawading City
The Grange Reserve

Round 3
Fri 23 Apr 8.30pm Croydon City v Kingston City
Dorset Recreational Reserve
Sat 24 Apr 3pm Fitzroy City v Peninsula Strikers
Fairfield Park
Sat 24 Apr 3pm Nunawading C v Waverley Wanderers
Mahoneys Road Reserve
Sat 24 Apr 3pm Mornington v Noble Park Utd
Dallas Brooks Park
Sat 24 Apr 3pm Springvale City v Brandon Park
Ross Reserve
Sun 25 Apr 3pm South Springvale v North Caulfield
Warner Reserve

Round 4
Sat 1 May 3pm Brandon Park v Nunawading City
Freeway Reserve
Sat 1 May 3pm Peninsula Strikers v Mornington
Centenary Park
Sat 1 May 3pm Noble Park Utd v Springvale City
Parkfield Reserve
Sat 1 May 3pm Waverley Wanderers v Croydon City
Carlson Ave Reserve
Sun 2 May 3pm North Caulfield v Fitzroy City
Caulfield Park
Mon 3 May 8.30pm Kingston City v South Springvale
The Grange Reserve

Round 5
Sat 8 May 3pm Fitzroy City v Kingston City
Fairfield Park
Sat 8 May 3pm Peninsula Strikers v Noble Park Utd
Centenary Park
Sat 8 May 3pm Nunawading City v Springvale City
Mahoneys Road Reserve
Sat 8 May 3pm Sth Springvale v Waverley Wanderers
Warner Reserve
Sat 8 May 8.30pm Croydon City v Brandon Park
Dorset Recreational Reserve
Sun 9 May 3pm Mornington v North Caulfield
Dallas Brooks Park

Round 6
Sat 15 May 3pm Brandon Park v South Springvale
Freeway Reserve
Sat 15 May 3pm Noble Park Utd v Nunawading City
Parkfield Reserve
Sat 15 May 3pm Waverley Wanderers v Fitzroy City
Carlson Ave Reserve
Sat 15 May 3pm Springvale City v Croydon City
Ross Reserve
Sun 16 May 3pm North Caulfield v Peninsula Strikers
Caulfield Park
Mon 17 May 8.30pm Kingston City v Mornington
The Grange Reserve

Round 7
Fri 21 May 8.30pm Croydon City v Nunawading City
Dorset Recreational Reserve
Sat 22 May 3pm Fitzroy City v Brandon Park
Fairfield Park
Sat 22 May 3pm Peninsula Strikers v Kingston City
Centenary Park
Sat 22 May 3pm South Springvale v Springvale City
Warner Reserve
Sat 22 May 3pm Mornington v Waverley Wanderers
Dallas Brooks Park
Sun 23 May 3pm North Caulfield v Noble Park Utd
Caulfield Park

Round 8
Sat 29 May 3pm Brandon Park v Mornington
Freeway Reserve
Sat 29 May 3pm Noble Park Utd v Croydon City
Parkfield Reserve
Sat 29 May 3pm Nunawading City v Sth Springvale
Mahoneys Road Reserve
Sat 29 May 3pm W'ley Wanderers v P'sula Strikers
Carlson Ave Reserve
Sat 29 May 3pm Springvale City v Fitzroy City
Ross Reserve
Sun 31 May 8.30pm Kingston City v North Caulfield
The Grange Reserve

Round 9
Sat 5 Jun 3pm Fitzroy City v Nunawading City
Fairfield Park
Sat 5 Jun 3pm Peninsula Strikers v Brandon Park
Centenary Park
Sat 5 Jun 3pm South Springvale v Croydon City
Warner Reserve
Sat 5 Jun 3pm Mornington v Springvale City
Dallas Brooks Park
Sun 6 Jun 3pm Nth Caulfield v Waverley Wanderers
Caulfield Park
Mon 7 Jun 8.30pm Kingston Cit v Noble Park Utd
The Grange Reserve

Round 10
Fri 18 Jun 8.30pm Croydon City Arrows v Fitzroy City
Dorset Recreational Reserve
Sat 19 Jun 3pm Nunawading City v Mornington
Mahoneys Road Reserve
Sat 19 Jun 3pm South Springvale v Noble Park Utd
Warner Reserve
Sat 19 Jun 3pm Waverley Wanderers v Kingston City
Carlson Ave Reserve
Sat 19 Jun 3pm Springvale City v Peninsula Strikers
Ross Reserve
Sun 20 Jun 3pm Brandon Park v North Caulfield
Freeway Reserve

Round 11
Sat 26 Jun 3pm Fitzroy City v South Springvale
Fairfield Park
Sat 26 Jun 3pm Peninsula Strikers v Nunawading C
Centenary Park
Sat 26 Jun 3pm Noble Park Utd v W'ley Wanderers
Parkfield Reserve
Sat 26 Jun 3pm Mornington v Croydon City Arrows
Dallas Brooks Park
Sun 27 Jun 3pm North Caulfield v Springvale City
Caulfield Park
Mon 28 Jun 8.30pm Kingston City v Brandon Park
The Grange Reserve



The successfull Fitzroy City team that won promotion to SE3 last season.
Back Row: Nik Kovacevic(Coach), Branko Stojanovic(Assistant coach), Henry Wooton, Nathan Jones, Denis Tepavac, Evan Cooper, Stuart Peutherer, Federico Riera, Tom Mullumby, Nemanja Jovic, Darko Kolosov (President)
Front Row: Zoki Ninkovic, Aco Pavlovic, Damian Arriola , Nick Mitrevski, Nick Kolosov, Ignjat Filipovic, Veljko Jaksic, Stefan Liberto

PREVIOUS STATE LEAGUE DIV THREE SE CHAMPIONS			
2009 Berwick City	2004 Chelsea		
2008 Morwell Pegasus	2003 Clayton		
2007 Frankston Strikers	2002 Brunswick City		
2006 Heatherton United	2001 Monbulk		
2005 Waverley Wanderers	2000 Langwarrin		

Round 12
Fri 2 Jul 8.30pm Croydon City v Peninsula Strikers
Dorset Recreational Reserve
Sat 3 Jul 3pm Noble Park Utd v Fitzroy City
Parkfield Reserve
Sat 3 Jul 3pm Waverley Wanderers v Brandon Park
Carlson Ave Reserve
Sat 3 Jul 3pm Mornington v South Springvale
Dallas Brooks Park
Sun 4 Jul 3pm North Caulfield v Nunawading City
Caulfield Park
Mon 5 Jul 8.30pm Kingston City v Springvale City
The Grange Reserve

Round 13 Call To Arms Round
Sat 10 Jul 3pm Brandon Park v Noble Park Utd
Freeway Reserve
Sat 10 Jul 3pm Fitzroy City v Mornington
Fairfield Park
Sat 10 Jul 3pm Nunawading City v Kingston City
Mahoneys Road Reserve
Sat 10 Jul 3pm Sth Springvale v Peninsula Strikers
Warner Reserve
Sat 10 Jul 3pm Waverley Wanderers v Springvale City
Carlson Ave Reserve
Sun 11 Jul 3pm Croydon City Arrows v Nth Caulfield
Dorset Recreational Reserve

Round 14
Sat 17 Jul 3pm Brandon Park v Springvale City
Freeway Reserve
Sat 17 Jul 3pm Peninsula Strikers v Fitzroy City
Centenary Park
Sat 17 Jul 3pm Noble Park Utd v Mornington
Parkfield Reserve
Sat 17 Jul 3pm Waverley Wanderers v Nunawading C
Carlson Ave Reserve
Sun 18 Jul 3pm North Caulfield v South Springvale
Caulfield Park
Mon 19 Jul 8.30pm Kingston City v Croydon City
The Grange Reserve

Round 15
Fri 23 Jul 8.30pm Croydon City v W'ley Wanderers
Dorset Recreational Reserve
Sat 24 Jul 3pm Nunawading City v Brandon Park
Mahoneys Road Reserve
Sat 24 Jul 3pm South Springvale v Kingston City
Warner Reserve
Sat 24 Jul 3pm Mornington v Peninsula Strikers
Dallas Brooks Park
Sat 24 Jul 3pm Springvale City v Noble Park Utd
Ross Reserve
Sun 25 Jul 3pm Fitzroy City v North Caulfield
Fairfield Park

Round 16
Sat 31 Jul 3pm Brandon Park v Croydon City Arrows
Freeway Reserve
Sat 31 Jul 3pm Noble Park Utd v Peninsula Strikers
Parkfield Reserve
Sat 31 Jul 3pm Waverley Wanderers v Sth Springvale
Carlson Ave Reserve
Sat 31 Jul 3pm Springvale City v Nunawading City
Ross Reserve
Sun 1 Aug 3pm North Caulfield v Mornington
Caulfield Park
Mon 2 Aug 8.30pm Kingston City v Fitzroy City
The Grange Reserve

Round 17
Fri 6 Aug 8.30pm Croydon City v Springvale City
Dorset Recreational Reserve
Sat 7 Aug 3pm Fitzroy City v Waverley Wanderers
Fairfield Park
Sat 7 Aug 3pm Nunawading City v Noble Park Utd
Mahoneys Road Reserve
Sat 7 Aug 3pm South Springvale v Brandon Park
Warner Reserve
Sat 7 Aug 3pm Mornington v Kingston City
Dallas Brooks Park
Sun 8 Aug 3pm Peninsula Strikers v North Caulfield
Centenary Park

Round 18
Sat 14 Aug 3pm Brandon Park v Fitzroy City
Freeway Reserve
Sat 14 Aug 3pm Nunawading City v Croydon City
Mahoneys Road Reserve
Sat 14 Aug 3pm Waverley Wanderers v Mornington
Carlson Ave Reserve
Sat 14 Aug 3pm Springvale City v South Springvale
Ross Reserve
Sun 15 Aug 3pm Noble Park Utd v North Caulfield
Parkfield Reserve
Mon 16 Aug 8.30pm Kingston City v P'sula Strikers
The Grange Reserve

Round 19
Fri 20 Aug 8.30pm Croydon City v Noble Park Utd
Dorset Recreational Reserve
Sat 21 Aug 3pm Fitzroy City v Springvale City
Fairfield Park
Sat 21 Aug 3pm Pen Strikers v W'ley Wanderers
Centenary Park
Sat 21 Aug 3pm Sth Springvale v Nunawading City
Warner Reserve
Sat 21 Aug 3pm Mornington v Brandon Park
Dallas Brooks Park
Sun 22 Aug 3pm North Caulfield v Kingston City
Caulfield Park

Round 20
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Dorset Recreational Reserve
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Mahoneys Road Reserve
Sat 28 Aug 3pm Springvale City v Mornington
Ross Reserve
Sun 29 Aug 3pm Waverley Wanderers v Nth Caulfield
Carlson Ave Reserve

Round 21
Sat 4 Sep 3pm Fitzroy City v Croydon City Arrows
Fairfield Park
Sat 4 Sep 3pm Peninsula Strikers v Springvale City
Centenary Park
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Parkfield Reserve
Sat 4 Sep 3pm Mornington v Nunawading City
Dallas Brooks Park
Sun 5 Sep 3pm North Caulfield v Brandon Park
Caulfield Park
Mon 6 Sep 8.30pm Kingston City v W'ley Wanderers
The Grange Reserve

Round 22
Sat 11 Sep 3pm Brandon Park v Kingston City
Freeway Reserve
Sat 11 Sep 3pm Nunawading City v Pen Strikers
Mahoneys Road Reserve
Sat 11 Sep 3pm South Springvale v Fitzroy City
Warner Reserve
Sat 11 Sep 3pm W'ley Wanderers v Noble Park Utd
Carlson Ave Reserve
Sat 11 Sep 8.30pm Croydon City v Mornington
Dorset Recreational Reserve
Sun 12 Sep 3pm Springvale City v North Caulfield
Ross Reserve

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Round 1
Fri 9 Apr 8.30pm Geelong v Lalor
Stead Park Reserve, Corio
Sat 10 Apr 3pm Keilor Park v Melb Uni Rangers
Keilor Park Reserve
Sat 10 Apr 3pm La Trobe University v Hume Utd
Latrobe Uni Lower Playing Field
Sat 10 Apr 3pm Maribyrnong Greens v Westgate
Skinner Reserve
Sat 10 Apr 3pm Sunbury Utd v Cairnlea
Langama Park
Sat 10 Apr 3pm Yarraville Glory v Essendon Utd
Mclvor Reserve

Round 2
Sat 17 Apr 3pm Cairnlea v Geelong
Cairnlea Park
Sat 17 Apr 3pm Hume Utd v Keilor Park
Laura Douglas Reserve
Sat 17 Apr 3pm Lalor v Yarraville Glory
RGC Cook Reserve
Sat 17 Apr 3pm Melb Uni Rangers v M'rnong Greens
Princes Park (Parkville)
Sat 17 Apr 3pm Essendon Utd v La Trobe University
Aberfeldie Park
Sat 17 Apr 7pm Westgate v Sunbury Utd
Ardeer Reserve

Round 3
Sat 24 Apr 3pm Geelong v Sunbury Utd
Stead Park Reserve, Corio
Sat 24 Apr 3pm Keilor Park v Essendon Utd
Keilor Park Reserve
Sat 24 Apr 3pm La Trobe University v Lalor
Latrobe Uni Lower Playing Field
Sat 24 Apr 3pm Maribyrnong Greens v Hume Utd
Skinner Reserve
Sat 24 Apr 3pm Melb Uni Rangers v Westgate
Princes Park (Parkville)
Sat 24 Apr 3pm Yarraville Glory v Cairnlea
Mclvor Reserve

Round 4
Sat 1 May 3pm Cairnlea v La Trobe University
Cairnlea Park
Sat 1 May 3pm Hume Utd v Melb Uni Rangers
Laura Douglas Reserve
Sat 1 May 3pm Lalor v Keilor Park
RGC Cook Reserve
Sat 1 May 3pm Sunbury Utd v Yarraville Glory
Langama Park
Sat 1 May 3pm Essendon Utd v Maribyrnong Greens
Aberfeldie Park
Sat 1 May 7pm Westgate v Geelong
Ardeer Reserve

Round 5
Sat 8 May 3pm Hume Utd v Westgate
Laura Douglas Reserve
Sat 8 May 3pm Keilor Park v Cairnlea
Keilor Park Reserve
Sat 8 May 3pm La Trobe University v Sunbury Utd
Latrobe Uni Lower Playing Field
Sat 8 May 3pm Maribyrnong Greens v Lalor
Skinner Reserve
Sat 8 May 3pm Melb Uni Rangers v Essendon Utd
Princes Park (Parkville)
Sat 8 May 3pm Yarraville Glory v Geelong
Mclvor Reserve

Round 6
Fri 14 May 8.30pm Geelong v La Trobe University
Stead Park Reserve, Corio
Sat 15 May 3pm Cairnlea v Maribyrnong Greens
Cairnlea Park
Sat 15 May 3pm Melb Uni Rangers v Lalor
Princes Park (Parkville)
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Langama Park
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Ardeer Reserve

Round 7
Sat 22 May 3pm Hume Utd v Lalor
Laura Douglas Reserve
Sat 22 May 3pm Keilor Park v Geelong
Keilor Park Reserve
Sat 22 May 3pm La Trobe Uni v Yarraville Glory
Latrobe Uni Lower Playing Field
Sat 22 May 3pm Maribyrnong Greens v Sunbury Utd
Skinner Reserve
Sat 22 May 3pm Melb Uni Rangers v Cairnlea
Princes Park (Parkville)
Sat 22 May 3pm Essendon Utd v Westgate
Aberfeldie Park

Round 8
Fri 28 May 8.30pm Geelong v Maribyrnong Greens
Stead Park Reserve, Corio
Sat 29 May 3pm Cairnlea v Hume Utd
Cairnlea Park
Sat 29 May 3pm Lalor v Essendon Utd
RGC Cook Reserve
Sat 29 May 3pm Sunbury Utd v Melb Uni Rangers
Langama Park
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Mclvor Reserve
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Ardeer Reserve

Round 9
Fri 4 Jun 8.30pm Geelong v Melb Uni Rangers
Stead Park Reserve, Corio
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Keilor Park Reserve
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Skinner Reserve
Sat 5 Jun 3pm Essendon Utd v Cairnlea
Aberfeldie Park

Round 10
Fri 18 Jun 8.30pm Geelong v Hume Utd
Stead Park Reserve, Corio
Sat 19 Jun 3pm Cairnlea v Lalor
Cairnlea Park
Sat 19 Jun 3pm Keilor Park v Westgate
Keilor Park Reserve
Sat 19 Jun 3pm La Trobe Uni v Maribyrnong Greens
Latrobe Uni Lower Playing Field
Sat 19 Jun 3pm Sunbury Utd v Essendon Utd
Langama Park
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Mclvor Reserve

Round 11
Sat 26 Jun 3pm Hume Utd v Yarraville Glory
Laura Douglas Reserve
Sat 26 Jun 3pm Lalor v Sunbury Utd
RGC Cook Reserve
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Skinner Reserve
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Aberfeldie Park
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Round 12
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Cairnlea Park
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Mclvor Reserve

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Mclvor Reserve

Round 16
Fri 30 Jul 8.30pm Geelong v Yarraville Glory
Stead Park Reserve, Corio
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Cairnlea Park
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RGC Cook Reserve
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Langama Park
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Mclvor Reserve
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In 2010 Essendon United hopes to continue to re-write the record books and aims to secure an unprecedented 5th consecutive promotion - with or without guest player, former Soccerroo Con Boutsianis (2nd from left, back row). PHOTO: PAUL MUIR

PREVIOUS STATE LEAGUE DIV THREE NW CHAMPIONS

2009 Banyule City

2008 Geelong Rangers

2007 Ballarat Red Devils

2006 Werribee City

2005 Maribyrnong Greens

2004 Yarraville Glory

2003 Keilor Park

2002 North Sunshine Eagles

2001 Keilor Park

2000 Croxton Park



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